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Election Watch '93 wrap-up

As the 1993 federal election heads into the home stretch, *The Canadian Jewish News* wraps up its coverage with interviews with the leader of the Progressive Conservative party, Prime Minister Kim Campbell, and Liberal party leader Jean Chrétien. This concludes our coverage of party leaders. Reform leader Preston Manning was the only one of the leaders of the six major parties who did not agree to be interviewed by *The CJN* during the campaign. However, he did speak with *The CJN* in January, 1992.

We also conclude our coverage of local ridings of Jewish interest across Canada.

When voters head to the polls on Oct. 25, (just after we go to press) *The CJN* will follow election night results and bring you up to date with the winners and losers in our Nov. 4 issue. Watch for it.

The Gogniev family (from left) Tima, Dina Tsallaeva, Zalina and Felix face deportation from Canada. [Alron photo]

Russian family faces deportation

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — A family of four Russian Jews from a remote Caucasus region is facing deportation Nov. 15 to North Ossetia on the border of Georgia where a civil war is raging.

Felix Gogniev, 56, his ex-wife Dina Tsallaeva, and their two daughters, Tima, 27, and Zalina, 25, of Meadowbrook Road, North York, were denied their claim as UN Convention refugees. They have exhausted all avenues of appeal.

"It is like a death sentnce for them," said Etta Kanevsky, case worker for the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society which has asked immigration authorities to let the family stay in Canada.

"They have been in Canada more than three years and there is absolutely nothing for them to return to," said Kanevsky. "They lost their house and they face persecution as Jews if they return."

Gogniev told an Immigration and Refugee Board hearing June 12, 1991, that his father and stepmother, and several cousins were killed and that he was tortured, but board members H.R. Hanson and William Bauer said his claim lacked proof.

The board did not accept Gogniev's assertion that the family is Jewish but Kanevsky does not think the decision would have been different if the board had considerd them as Jews.

"Many Jewish families are being rejected as Convention refugees," she said. "I have 20 in my file alone."

Another complication is that the Gognievs will have no papriskas (domicile permits) if they are deported. "The papriskas are a permit to live in the city, if you don't have it, you are nobody," said Kanevsky.

Gogniev told *The CJN* he was tortured by the Ingushi (Muslims) who live in a neighboring republic and he still cannot straighten the fingers of one hand.

Board members Hanson and Bauer did not accept Gogniev's statement that the family would be persecuted as Jews if they were deported. "If the claimants were in fact called Jews by the Ingushi, we think this was a sort of generic slander that might be directed against anyone of a different ethnic background," their report said.

On May 7, 1992, Immigration officer Theresa Gerelus determined that Gogniev "is unwilling or unable to support himself and his family," basing her decision on the fact that the family was receiving $658 a month from welfare.

But George Zegarac, an official of the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Energy, said this determination was "unfair" because Gogniev, an economic analyst, would be employed by the ministry if he had permanent residence status. In a letter dated August, 1993, to minister of Employment and Immigration Douglas Lewis, Zegarac said Gogniev had done signal work for the ministry as a volunteer for eight months.

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Ottawa ready to help displaced Palestinians

TUNIS (Staff/JTA) — Canada has approached "concerned parties" in the Middle East with a proposal to accelerate the repatriation of as many as 4,000 displaced Palestinians now in Sinai to Tel Al-Sultan in the Gaza Strip.

And Canada is prepared is contribute up to $4 million to launch the plan.

Word of the Canadian initiative came here last week at the conclusion of the fourth round of the multilateral peace talks on Palestinian refugees, which Canada has chaired since last year.

Marc Perron, deputy foreign minister and head of the Canadian delegation, said Canada has succeeded in building on the achievements of the three previous sessions of the refugee working group, and that the latest initiative is designed to complement the group's work.

Canada's efforts "will provide urgent and tangible benefits to [Mideast] refugees," Perron told reporters following the last session.

Perron said the 43 delegate nations "regretted" the absence of Syria and Lebanon, which are boycotting the talks.

But Israel, in a bold move, agreed to increase the number of Palestinians it allows to return to the territories from abroad each year from 1,000 to 5,000.

And it will allow 10 Palestinians deported during the 1970s for political activities to return to the territories with their families.

These goodwill gestures were announced by the head of the Israeli delegation, Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin.

The talks on the sensitive refugee issue are one of five sets of multilateral negotiations on Middle East regional issues taking place as part of the U.S.-brokered peace process launched in Madrid two years ago.

This was the first time any of the negotiations took place in an Arab country, and it marked the first visit by an official Israeli delegation to Tunisia, which has no official diplomatic contacts with the Jewish state.

The fact that Tunisia, an Arab country that is officially in a state of war with Israel, agreed to host the talks with Israeli participation is seen here as highly significant.

Before the talks began, Beilin told reporters that the refugee question is among the most delicate issues facing Israel and the Palestinians.

"The most difficult thing between us and the Arabs, especially the Palestinians, will be the question of refugees," he said. But he added that he believes "the problem is not insurmountable."

Under the accord Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization signed in Washington last month, the two sides agreed to discuss within two years the plight of Palestinian refugees who fled Israel during the 1948 War of Independence.

The accord also called for immediate discussions regarding those Palestinians who left Israel during the Six-Day War of 1967.

Israel reportedly has assured the Palestinians that it will allow the return of those refugees, which has been banned until now, although Israeli officials will not confirm that any such promise has been made.

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Prisoner release planned

JERUSALEM — At a time when unrest is continuing in the territories, Israeli authorities are stepping up preparations for the release of thousands of Palestinian security prisoners as part of their ongoing negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

In a stark reminder that there is still much ground to cover on the road to peace, there were clashes between Israeli settlers and Palestinians in Hebron over last weekend following the stabbing of an Israeli teacher by at least two attackers.

Also during the weekend, an activist in PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's Al Fatah faction was killed in the Gaza Strip.

Against this backdrop of violence, Israel is preparing a massive release of Palestinian prisoners as a confidence-building measure meant to demonstrate some immediate positive results of the Israeli-PLO self-rule accord.

According to a report Sunday in the Israeli daily *Yediot Achronot*, Israel is planning an initial release of some 4,000 prisoners who have been sentenced up to five years in jail.

The newspaper reported that women, administrative detainees, minors as well as elderly and sick prisoners will be included in the first release of prisoners.

But Israel has no plans for the release of prisoners who have killed Israeli citizens or who are likely to become involved in future acts of violence against Jews.

The subject of the prisoner release was expected to be the focus of the next round of talks with the Palestinians scheduled this week in the Sinai border town of Taba.

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'Gathering of hope' unites B.C. students

By MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA — Four Palestinian and one Israeli student from the Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific joined Jewish community members at a "gathering of hope" held during Sukkot at Congregation Emanu-El.

Rabbi Victor Reinstein led the gathering in chanting "Shalom, Salaam," as the meeting got under way.

"We are sitting on the same side of the table," said Rabbi Reinstein. "We are at the beginning of a long process and must work with faith and courage to bring in the harvest of peace."

Like Sukkot, which celebrates the harvest, the recently-signed Declaration of Principles between Israel and the PLO is the result of years of hard work, said the rabbi.

He added that "we begin the journey for peace with faith and hope it can happen." He said the past is filled with pain and "we acknowledge that pain and the difficult memories, but we must hope that we can live together in peace."

Rabbi Reinstein called on the Jews of Victoria and of Vancouver Island to work hard on changing their attitudes towards the Arabs. "Let us hope that the children of both Yitzhak and Ishmael will open their hearts to each other," he urged. He expressed hope that dialogue between the two groups would bring them together and noted that both the Palestinians, all from Jordan, and the Israelis at Pearson College had already begun discussing the new situation in the Middle East.

Pearson College, located near Victoria, is part of United World Colleges. It promotes the cause of international understanding by bringing together students from many countries. The college is a memorial to the late Canadian prime minister who won the Nobel Peace Prize for helping negotiate the end of the War of Independence in 1948.

The students read prayers for peace from the Koran, the Christian Bible and the Chumash.

The Israeli student, who said he was due to go into the army next year, didn't believe the accord would be signed and "when I saw the handshake [between Rabin and Arafat] I never thought I would see it in my lifetime." He said he was scared about having to go into the army but now felt there was hope for him and for all Israelis who have to serve.

The Palestinians agreed that another war in the Middle East would be a catastrophe and declared "we have to make the peace process work."

One of the Palestinian youths said he had spoken to his parents after the signing and they were very happy about it. Another said his father was born in Haifa and had hopes of some day returning to his "homeland."

A reception followed in the shul's sukkah and the visiting Palestinians mingled and chatted freely with Jews.

ISRAELI HERO VISITS TORONTO

Sorin Hershku, disabled Israeli War Veteran injured during the heroic Entebbe rescue mission, is hosted by the Ziner family while visiting Toronto in June. Hershku participated in Beit Halochem Canada's fundraising campaign to raise $2 million to fully equip the new Rehabilitation Centre in Jerusalem.

The premier meets the presidents as Ontario government leader Bob Rae (centre) is joined by Farid Ayad, president of the Canadian Arab Federation (right) and Irving Abella, president of Canadian Jewish Congress, at a recent reception at Queen's Park. [Paul Lungen photo]

Rae joins Arab, Jewish groups at Queen's Park reception

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — For years Canadian Arab and Jewish communal organizations have lived as two solitudes, having little to do with each other save for the occasional times when they participated in multicultural events along with other ethnic groups.

But with the historic rapprochement between Israel and the PLO, all that is beginning to change.

Last week, the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), the Canadian Arab Federation (CAF) and Palestine House joined with Ontario Premier Bob Rae in sponsoring a reception at Queen's Park to mark the signing of the peace accord.

Several hundred Jews and Arabs from both communities attended the event, organized by Rae's office, as did MPPs from three parties and the consuls of Israel, the United States and Norway. Norway brokered the secret negotiations that led to the accord.

Addressing the reception, Rae said he "didn't honestly believe I'd see this day. . . There are people who have lived side by side for a generation but have not been able to speak with each other."

Rae said he and his family have accepted an invitation from the government of Israel for a visit in December and that his office is trying to arrange a trip to Jordan as well.

He said he hopes to look into business opportunities in the region and extend Ontario's presence in Jordan and the West Bank.

Referring to the longstanding Arab boycott of Israel, Rae said the sooner normal economic relations develop in the Middle East, the sooner Ontario can participate in business there.

CJC president Irving Abella referred to the evening as offering an "exhilirating sense of possibility. For this evening at least, hope triumphs over hesitation, dreams over doubts, anticipation over apprehension."

Inserting a cautionary note in his remarks, Abella predicted difficult times ahead as the PLO and Israel negotiate a peace settlement. He warned against retreating to "old patterns of recrimination, finger-pointing and truculence when progress is slow.

"Our common goal is clear: normality, normal relations between Israelis and Palestinians, Jews and Arabs. We all desperately await the day when the Middle East drops off the front pages of our newspapers.

"We must mobilize and occasionally even overcome our collective memories to build bridges long destroyed and to create links long severed. There is much we can do together as Jewish and Arab Canadians to make ours a better, more decent country and to fight the racism and bigotry which today stalks our land and makes targets of us both."

CAF president Farid Ayad inserted a political note in his remarks, saying the Arab organization favors a two-state solution to the conflict, with East Jerusalem as the Palestinian capital. The right of return of Palestinian refugees must be acknowledged, he said, adding that Palestinians await the Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights and southern Lebanon. "Peace must be whole if it is to be enduring," he said.

Earlier, in an interview with *The CJN*, Ayad said Arab Canadians believe in the spirit of a multicultural Canadian society. "Why not have relations normalized?" he said. "We can deal with open hearts with the Canadian Jewish community."

Ayad, a Palestinian who was born in Beirut, said Cana-

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Reform pulls candidate from York Centre riding

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —The Reform Party has withdrawn its candidate in York Centre, a riding in Metro Toronto with a large Jewish population, because of protests over his allegedly racist views.

The party dropped John Beck, 37, a taxi cab broker, after students at York University confronted Reform Party leader Preston Manning with statements attributed to Beck in *The Canadian Jewish News* and *Excalibur*, the student newspaper at the university.

In a round-up of candidates running in York Centre in the Oct. 6 *CJN* reporter Frances Kraft quoted this statement by Beck in the *Financial Post Magazine*: "I feel it's time some white Anglo-Saxon Protestants get involved."

In *Excalibur*, which taped the interview, Beck launched into an attack on immmigration. "Immigration has got to be controlled...I think we have to have immigrants and people that are assets to Canada is a nice thing. But they can 't be buying jobs to come here...We're destroying ourselves hourly...and these people coming from another country, one evil is just as bad as another."

Within an hour of Manning's meeting with the students, his press secretary, Ron Wood, announced that Beck was out as a candidate.

Although Wood cited nervous pressure as the reason for Beck's withdrawal, the candidate himself denied this in an interview later with a *Canadian Press* reporter. "They think I'm nuts, but I've had no breakdown," he said. "They asked me to resign, so I resigned."

John Beck

He also offered to take the reporter on a tour of Toronto to show him evidence of satanic messages.

Beck told *CJN* reporter Kraft that as an English speaker he feels in a minority in Toronto. He said that reports of racial hatred are, for the most part, "made up" by the media. As a longtime taxi driver, he says, he has "never seen this problem."

In the *Excalibur* interview, Beck referred to investor class immigrants: "You have a $150,000 guy there coming to buy a citizenship to Canada to create a job, fine, he's bringing something.But what is he bringing? Death and destruction to the people."

"While we commend Mr. Manning for the action he has taken, we are left puzzled as to how a person with such obvious racist views could have become involved as a candidate for the Reform Party," Gerda Frieberg, chairman, Ontario region, Canadian Jewish Congress, said. "We would hope that every party will now have its screening antennae up on such important issues."

On Oct. 13, the day Manning met with the students, Beck called the B'nai Brith Canada office to cancel a previously scheduled meeting with its election task force. He said he might be leaving politics.

"Beck launched into a tirade against Jews to the secretary who took the call and she was visibly shaken," said Karen Mock, national director, League for Human Rights. "He said the Jews didn't accept Jesus Christ as their savior and will pay the price."

Mock added that Beck invoked satanic symbolism in his conversation, interspersing his remarks with the figures 666.

Beck told a *Toronto Star* reporter:"I feel we have lost control of our country here. It seems to be predominantly Jewish people who are running this country."

Court shuts down telephone hotline

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — It seems members of the Heritage Front just can't keep out of trouble with the law.

Less than one week after a Federal Court judge ordered the white supremacist organization, its leader Wolfgang Droege and anyone associated with the group to refrain from offering telephone messages, a member of the organization is facing contempt of court charges for allegedly violating the court order.

The Canadian Human Rights Commission (CHRC) is alleging that Gary Schipper, the voice on the Heritage Front's message line, broadcast a message for a telephone hotline run by a group called Equal Rights for Whites.

That hotline is operated by Kenneth Barker, who told the *Toronto Star* "this was not the organ of the Heritage Front. This was where Kenneth Barker got to put forward his opinions."

But CHRC spokesman Charles Mojsej disagrees. "We feel Schipper has contravened [the court] order by speaking out on the hotline," he said. The commission expects to take the contempt charge to court this week.

This latest development comes only days after Federal Court Judge Marcel Joyal ordered the Heritage Front or anyone associated with it to refrain from offering any messages that express an opinion on any racial, ethnic, religious, social or political issues.

Joyal said the hotline's continued operation would not lead to peace, order and calm, as envisioned by a previous court order agreed to by Droege which limited the content of the telephone messages.

In his decision, Joyal also dismissed contempt of court charges against Droege. Canadian Jewish Congress had raised a complaint that Droege was in contempt of the consent order when he offered a message that vilified Jews. But Joyal ruled that he was not convinced beyond a reasonable doubt that telephone messages offered by the Heritage Front were similar to previous messages that were the subject of the order.

Droege's involvement with the courts began when Rodney Bobiwash of the Native Canadian Centre (NCC), with the support of Congress, issued a complaint that alleged Heritage Front telephone messages violated the Canadian Human Rights Code.

A Human Rights Commission tribunal examining the original complaint will not meet until sometime next year, in part due to the illness of one tribunal member.

Congress spokesman Bernie Farber pointed out that Joyal's order against the hotline was one in a series of victories against racists across Canada. In British Columbia, Congress joined with an anti-racist organization to obtain an injunction against the Canadian Liberty Net.

In Alberta, the Aryan Nations has gone out of business following a complaint in which Congress officer Hal Joffe was involved.

In Winnipeg and Ontario, Ku Klux Klan hotlines have been shut down, and in Mississauga, Ont., former school teacher Paul Fromm has been removed from the classroom and reassigned as a result of complaints from Congress and the NCC over his associations with known racists.

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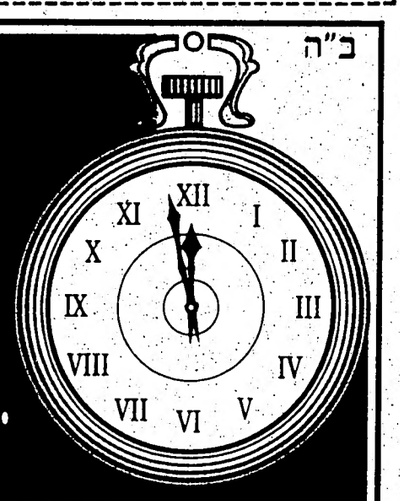
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Gogniev defends himself

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"It would be a disgrace, and a shameful reflection of Canadian support of human rights, should Mr. Gogniev and his family be sent to an active war zone, where Jewish individuals are particularly at risk," he wrote.

He attached a petition of support for Gogniev signed by 20 staffers in the ministry.

Gogniev, rejecting the charge that he could not support himself, estimated that he has done volunteer work worth $100,000 in three years, while welfare payments to his family have amounted to $20,000.

Gogniev showed *The CJN* reporter a Russian language daily newspaper published in North Ossetia Dec. 12, 1992, containing a long list of people killed in the civil war. He underlined 13 names, who, he said, were his Jewish relatives.

He has another newspaper photograph showing house-to-house battles on a street parallel to the one where they lived.

Board members wrestled in their report with the claimant's contention that he was a Digor, a member of an Ossetian tribe considered to be historically Jewish. They rejected this contention, saying that their research showed the Digors to be Muslims, not Jews.

They state: "Heavy emphasis was placed during the hearing on the perception of the Ingushi that the claimants are Jewish. This was also held to be accountable for part of the discrimination and harassment they experienced in Ukraine. In light of the documentary evidence, we find this to be unsupportable."

The board disputed Gogniev's claim that anti-Jewish actions drove the family out of Ukraine and back to North Ossetia, saying it was more likely that he made the move to better himself economically.

The board did not accept Gogniev's version of his torture at the hands of the Ingushi, citing as one reason that the claimant did not go to see a doctor until a month later.

It also berated Gogniev, as an educated man with a PhD, for not giving the board fuller and more reliable information on the claims of the Ingushi for land in North Ossetia Stalin had takn away from them in World War II. This, the board said, lessened his credibility.

Besides his volunteer work at the ministry, Gogniev has volunteered as a cook at Yorkdale Secondary School and as a volunteer teacher at Mackenzie Collegiate. His ex-wife (they were divorced before coming to Canada) was also a volunteer cook at Yorkdale Secondary School.

Tima was a volunteer dental assistant at the same school. Zalina had paid employment for some time as a temporary office staffer but now is a volunteer at the Jewish Community Centre interviewing Russians who want to be volunteers there.

As the day of deportation draws near, the Gognievs are in a bad way. Their welfare payments have been cut off. They are getting support from Zalina's in-laws in Toronto. Zalina married a Canadian citizen in August this year, her husband, a Toronto businessman, being a childhood friend from the city of Vladikavkaz in North Ossetia.

"These people are all potentially valuable citizens of Canada," said Kanevsky.

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Polish Jew faces deportation

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — A Polish-Jewish woman who has lived here almost eight years is facing deportation after having exhausted almost every legal avenue. Irmina Szafranska's deportation order for Oct. 22 was postponed only after the intervention of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC).

Szafranska, 40, came to Canada in January, 1986 on a visitor's visa and applied here for refugee status the following June on the grounds that she was the victim of anti-Semitic persecution in Poland.

Alan Rose, CJC executive vice-president, wrote to Public Security Minister Doug Lewis in September requesting that Szafranska be granted a minister's permit.

Lewis agreed to extend a reprieve to Szafranska until November when her case will be reviewed again, Rose said.

In June, 1987, the refugee board declared that she was not a refugee as defined by the Geneva Convention. Her appeal of that decision to the Immigration Appeal Board was turned down in February, 1988 and again in the Federal Court of Canada in April, 1989.

She avoided deportation in January, 1992 by requesting a "humanitarian and compassionate" review. In November, 1991, immigration officer Alain Robert concluded insufficient grounds existed for such a review, and her deportation order was reaffirmed.

She then turned to the Refugee Backlog Review Unit, and the matter went to the ministerial level. On Jan. 24 of last year — just one week before she was to be deported — Immigration and Employment Minister Bernard Valcourt upheld Robert's decision.

Two days before she was to be put on a plane for Poland, Szafranska applied for a judicial review of her case by Federal Court and leave to bring the application was granted in April last year.

In the interim, communism fell in Poland and Canada's policy of accepting almost automatically Jews from Eastern Europe as refugees changed. With state-sanctioned anti-Semitism dropped, Canada required Jewish refugee applicants to prove persecution.

This July, Federal Court Judge Yvon Pinard dismissed her bid for judicial review largely on legal technicality. Federal Court could only rule on the legality of the decision made by the minister, Pinard said in his judgment.

"That decision is purely an administrative decision, which, the record shows, was made without bad faith, by the proper authority, with regard to the material before it, after the applicant was interviewed on Nov. 8, 1991.

"Under the circumstances, I can find no breach of the duty to act fairly nor denial of the principles of natural justice. Accordingly, this court ought not interfere with the decision under attack."

Pinard also rejected Szafranska's lawyer's argument that the minister had adopted a policy of "almost total rejection of humanitarian review requests" and therefore has "fettered his discretion."

Szafranska can appeal Pinard's judgment, but her financial resources and will are running low.

Trained as a draftsperson, Szafranska has been working legally almost since she arrived in Montreal and is now a waitress. She has never received welfare or unemployment insurance. She learned English here on her own, not taking any government-sponsored language courses.

She has two brothers here who are Canadian citizens. They arrived in the early 1970s when Jews from Poland were granted political asylum routinely.

Szafranska says she tried for 10 years to obtain permission to emigrate from Poland before she received the travel visa in 1986 to visit her brothers.

She and her non-Jewish husband and their two sons had hoped to emigrate together, but when she alone had the chance to travel abroad she took it, hoping at least her children would soon join her. They are now 19 and 17. the couple divorced last year.

As Rose notes, Szafranska left Poland when it was still Communist and the government "orchestrated a vicious anti-Semitic campaign against its Jewish community."

Despite democratization, Rose says anti-Semitism continues in Poland. He submitted to Lewis a recent report on Polish anti-Semitism by the London-based Institute of Jewish Affairs.

"Mrs. Szafranska has now been in this country for nearly eight years during which time she has led a blameless life...There is no doubt in our minds that Mrs. Szafranska will make an outstanding Canadian citizen."

"Poland has a long history of anti-Semitism and that didn't change overnight. Maybe there is no more official anti-Semitism, but it is still difficult for Jews to live normal lives there," Szafranska said.

She says her sons were beaten up at school, and she found it difficult to find a job in Poland. When she did work, employers discriminated against her.

"After nearly eight years, it is inhuman to take away the life that I have made here for myself, and to send me back to a country where for being a Jew, I will never be able to enjoy the life that any human being is entitled to."

U of T to investigate O'Driscoll over book

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — The University of Toronto has opened an investigation into Robert O'Driscoll, a tenured English professor who is co-author of two recently-published anti-Semitic books.

The two-part review will determine "whether [O'Driscoll] is conducting himself in a professional manner consistent with his obligations and responsibilities as a faculty member," the university announced in a news release.

Part one of the investigation will examine whether O'Driscoll "is maintaining reasonable competence in his discipline, including competence in teaching and research." The second half of the investigation will "look at whether he has contributed to an environment that is conducive to learning, and is free of discrimination that would create a hostile and intimidating environment."

The investigation was sparked by a number of complaints about O'Driscoll's latest book, *The New World Order in North America: A Secret Military Counter-Intelligence Report*.

Bernie Farber, director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, which lodged a complaint, called the latest book "the anti-Semitic ravings of a confused mind."

Karen Mock, a spokesman for B'nai Brith Canada, called the books "anti-Semitic diatribes."

The Simon Wiesenthal Centre's Sol Littman said he has urged the university to "release" O'Driscoll.

Following publication of an earlier work, *The New World Order and the Throne of the Anti-Christ*, the university conducted an investigation and placed a reprimand on the professor's record, said David Cook, the university's vice-provost.

Cook said O'Driscoll, who has been a tenured professor for 27 years, has exhibited aberrant behavior in the last two years. The university is concerned that O'Driscoll, who is currently on research leave, not express any anti-Semitic views in the classroom. The university is also concerned about maintaining an environment free of anti-Semitic or other racist views.

Illustrating the bizarre nature of O'Driscoll's latest book, co-written with longtime white supremacist John Ross Taylor under the pseudonym His Excellency J.J. Wills, is a section that alleges that "UFOs Disguised as Helicopters [Are] Circling Earth."

The story is reproduced from the supermarket tabloid, *The Weekly World News*, which often runs stories about alien visitors to Earth.

The book also quotes an article that originally appeared in *Spotlight*, the publication of the extremist U.S. organization, the Liberty Lobby. The article alleges that the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai Brith "can take credit for the holocaust in Waco, Texas, that resulted in the slaughter of nearly 100 men, women and children.

"It was the ADL that esentially tricked the federal authorities into conducting the operation that resulted in the tragedy," the article stated.

Commenting on the pending investigation, Farber said "the university must look at the whole issue of his competency."

"It is disturbing that under the guise of scholarship, a professor is defaming the Jewish people by relying on sources that do not meet minimum academic standards," said Congress spokesman Steven Shulman.

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Talks on refugees open

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Describing the scope of the talks, Beilin said, "I think we can dedicate most of our discussions in the multilateral talks to some very concrete ideas in projects for the refugees themselves to better their standard of living."

The decision applies to Palestinians who had left for abroad on the condition that they would return within a certain limit of time. Under previous Israeli policy, those Palestinians who failed to meet the deadline were prevented from returning.

But now Israel reportedly intends to lift that restriction. According to reports from Tunis, this could eventually allow the return of as many as 50,000 Palestinian refugees.

The refugee talks opened a day after the PLO's Central Council voted in Tunis to approve the accord on Palestinian autonomy signed with Israel last month in Washington.

The 107-member council, which serves as the steering committee for the larger Palestine National Council, approved the Israeli-PLO accord by a vote of 63-8, with 11 members abstaining.

The council also voted 78-0, with four abstentions, to elect PLO leader Yasser Arafat to head the Palestinian National Authority, a body to be established in the territories under the terms of the Israeli-PLO accord.

'Israeli settlers not welcome,' Palestinian leader says

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The head of the Palestinian delegation to the Taba talks has meanwhile issued comments likely to stir the passions of Israeli settlers who fear that the self-rule accord will force them from their homes.

"The settlers are not welcome in Gaza, and the Israelis know that," Nabil Sha'ath, a senior adviser to Arafat, was quoted as saying. "They must leave. We will have to accept them now for a period of two years, but then they must go.

"We want a settlement accord similar to the Egyptian-Israeli model," he said. "The Israelis evacuated their settlements in Sinai as part of the peace agreement, but Israelis still come as tourists."

He said that the Israeli-PLO accord would lead to a gradual Palestinian takeover of authority in the West Bank and Gaza, adding that "the Israelis understand that this is the beginning of a Palestinian state."

Fears surrounding the outcome of the Israeli-PLO talks provided a backdrop when Palestinians and Jewish settlers clashed in Hebron.

The confrontations followed the stabbing of Baruch Ben-Ya'acov, 31, in Hebron last Friday evening.

Ben-Ya'acov, an English teacher and the father of three, was stabbed in the neck from behind by at least two attackers as he was walking alone in the street.

Suffering from light wounds, he was rushed to the Hadassah-Hebrew University Hospital in Jerusalem.

The Damascus-based Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which opposes the Israeli-PLO accord, claimed responsibility for the attack.

In response to the attack, scores of settlers gathered to demand that Israeli security officials clamp a curfew on Hebron and that they impose tougher security measures within the city.

The gathering soon turned into a riot, with settlers turning over fruit stands in the local wholesale market and smashing windshields of cars owned by Arabs.

Local Arab residents responded by throwing stones.

Israeli soldiers interfered and imposed a curfew in the area.

But the riots resumed Saturday. A large contingent of the Israel Defense Force was needed to separate Israelis and Palestinians fighting in the narrow alleys of Hebron.

Soldiers had to fire warning shots in the air to break up the crowds.

In the Gaza Strip, the atmosphere of violence continued when a senior activist in Arafat's Fatah faction was shot and killed over the weekend by masked Palestinians.

The victim was Maher Ikhail, 35, a barber living in Gaza City.

Arab sources said Sunday that the assailants drove up to his shop, called him outside and then shot him twice in the head.

Armed Forces cracks down on racism

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — The Canadian Armed Forces has issued new regulations that express "zero tolerance" of racists in the military.

The move came after the forces were given a black eye over suggestions that racism was behind the death of Somalis held by members of the Canadian Airborne Regiment serving as peacekeepers in the East African country and that soldiers with white supremist sympathies were serving with the unit.

Hal Joffe, national chair of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, said he met recently in Vancouver with Defence Minister Tom Siddon, who outlined the new regulations.

"They go a long way towards satisfying our concerns on racists in the Armed Forces," Joffe said. "They enact a zero-tolerance policy for racism and other forms of harassment [and] they proved for potential penalties all the way up to discharge."

Joffe said Siddon, who met with him and other Congress officials in the midst of the election campaign, would not discuss specific individuals who had been linked to racist organizations. "He said there are either investigations or charges being pursued," Joffe said.

The minister and Congress continue to disagree on the course of action that should be taken against those accused of racist activities.

"When serious allegations that members are involved in neo-Nazi or white supremacist activities, [the soldier] should be suspended from active duty pending resolution of the case," Joffe said.

"Siddon is not as strong in this position as we would like nor has be acceded to our requests for a full and open public inquiry into the issue of racism in the military," he added.

The Canadian Forces Policy on Discrimination and Harassment states that the Forces "are committed to the principle of equality of all people and the dignity and worth of every human being without discrimination ... Racist attitudes are totally incompatible with the military ethos and with effective military service and any behavior or conduct which reflects such attitudes cannot be tolerated."

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Simchat Torah celebrations take on new meaning

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

ST. PETERSBURG — In the former Soviet Union, Simchat Torah celebrations in synagogue courtyards were at best tolerated by the communist authorities, and at times broken up by the police.

For Jews proud of their heritage, Simchat Torah was celebrated to demonstrate their commitment and attachment to Jewish culture and religion.

Since the 1991 breakup of the Soviet Union and the rise of the Russian Federation, Simchat Torah has lost some of its resonance as a rallying point for committed Jews. Today, in Russia, freedom of religion is taken for granted. The bad old days are gone.

Nevertheless, Simchat Torah remains what it has always been: an occasion for the joyous expression of Judaism. Two weeks ago in St. Petersburg (formerly Leningrad), at the stately Chorale Synagogue, which marks its centenary in December, hundreds of Jewish men, women and children ushered in Simchat Torah.

In the chill of the night they gathered in knots, talking animatedly and greeting friends and acquaintances. There was no fear or apprehension, and not a single policeman could be seen. But Simchat Torah did not pass quietly in St. Petersburg.

At the adjoining Lubavitch Synagogue, revelry reigned as worshippers jammed its cramped premises.

Chassidim, clad in black, some with shtreimls, danced around the bimah. An American Chassid threw his black hat into the air, and urged everyone else to join the festivities. Some responded, others sat in their seats, shy but seemingly captivated by the carefree atmosphere.

Outside, in the courtyard, boys kibbitzed, running after each other playfully.

Downstairs, in a hot, stuffy room, seven men and one woman sat around a table laden with food and drink. As they conversed in Russian, they nibbled on watermelon, Goodman's matzah and bits of herring, drinking local vodka and soft drinks imported from Britain.

Occasionally, they burst into sentimental Yiddish songs, embracing a culture the Soviet Union had tried to eradicate during more than seven decades of communism. That night in St. Perersburg, the years of repression were a fading memory. The "Jews of Silence," as Elie Wiesel once called them, were asserting themselves proudly and vocally, in an uninhibited display of their Jewishness.

The cultural and religious revival in Russia has certainly not touched all Jews, many of whom have become completely assimilated.

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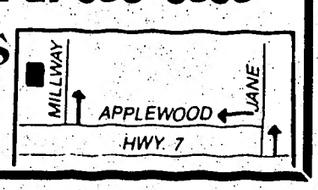

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ELECTION WATCH '93

Kim Campbell

Kim Campbell was born in 1947 in Port Alberni, British Columbia and raised in Vancouver. She earned a degree in political science from the University of British Columbia and pursued doctoral studies in Soviet government at the London School of Economics. From 1975 to 1981, she lectured in political science at UBC and at Vancouver Community College.

After receiving a law degree, Campbell worked as a lawyer until 1985, when she was named executive director of the office of then B.C. Premier Bill Bennett.

Campbell began her political career as a trustee on the Vancouver School Board from 1981 to 1984. She ran for the leadership of the B.C. Social Credit Party in 1986 and in October of that year, was elected a member of the provincial legislature.

Campbell was elected to the House of Commons for Vancouver Centre in 1988 and was named the following year as Minister of State for Indian Affairs and Northern Development. From 1990 to 1992, she served as Minister of Justice.

In January of this year, she was appointed Minister of National Defence and became a member of the powerful Cabinet Committee on Priorities and Planning.

Campbell was chosen leader of the Progressive Conservative Party in June, 1993 and was sworn in as Canada's 19th prime minister on June 25.

As part of The CJN's *coverage of the federal election, editor Patricia Rucker and reporter Ron Csillag interviewed Campbell in Toronto last week.*

CJN: *How have Canada's relations with Israel changed since the signing of the accord with the PLO and in what direction do they think they should be headed?*

Campbell: Canadians as a people and Canada as a government are thrilled to see the developments in the Middle East. I was born in 1947 and I've lived my whole life seeing what looked like an intractable situation there. I can remember when [the late Egyptian president] Anwar Sadat went to Jerusalem and we cracked open the champagne and celebrated. That seemed like a positive development. It was perhaps premature to get too excited but it was a step in the [right] direction. I feel an enormous sense of hope at these developments and I think [they do] change the scenarios in the Middle East.

In terms of our policies, for example, with respect to the export of military equipment, we've undertaken a review of that, and Canada is playing an active and constructive role in dealing with the corollaries or the outcomes of the signing of the accord. I wanted very much to go to Washington for the signing but [External Affairs Minister Perrin] Beatty went. But I think Canada is very committed to do everything we can to follow through on this. We're heading up the [multilateral round of peace talks on Mideast] refugees that [met last week] in Tunis. We're working also to deal with the resolutions of the [United Nations] General Assembly, to try and get rid of those resolutions that have been negative to Israel over the years.

So I think for the short term, there are a number of things we want to look at, in terms of policies of concern to the Jewish community particularly. The Canada-Israel Committee has written to me — [CIC chair] Dan Pekarsky is from my own community and I know him well — on this question of our policy on military exports. I think that's a very reasonable thing to review. It is being reviewed.

When I was justice minister, I had some interesting discussions on some legal and constitutional exchanges to take place between Canada and Israel, and I'm hoping we can step up those relationships in a whole variety of ways because I think Israel itself is undergoing some very significant political changes and challenges.

CJN: *The Tories have come in for criticism for increasing arms sales to Arab countries yet at the same time, have expressed interest in peacekeeping and getting involved in the Middle East peace process. How do you reconcile those?*

Campbell: Well, I know there is some disagreement on the criteria we use to define front-line states in terms of arms sales, but that's one we can review in light of changes in the Middle East, with respect to Israel's status.

Canada has always been deeply committed to the survival of Israel. We invented peacekeeping in the context of the Middle East. That's precisely where it got started. We want to be there, playing the most constructive role we can. We're there with money but we're also there with our expertise. When we look at what role Canada can play in the world, one of the advantages we have is being a country that isn't seen as being hegemonistic [and] that doesn't have a lot of baggage, if I can put it that way. I think [those] make it an important role for us to play, to be active in peacekeeping and whatever we can do in the Middle East to support the peace process. So I don't see that [this] is a contradiction at all. Peacekeeping is something we do as a way of trying to maintain world order. World order can't be maintained unless there are countries which are capable of imposing order.

But I want to say to you with respect to the whole question of arms exports: Something I want to do as prime minister is roll everything back and

have a review of all of our policy, because I have said very clearly that in the post-Cold War period, we need a dramatic reform of the United Nations and we need to find international mechanisms to secure order. And that's easier said than done because it's very easy for these processes to be seen [as] dominated by the Western democracies and particularly in the Middle East, [that] can be viewed with suspicion and resentment.

I remember as defence minister being at a conference in Munich in February, where the former prime minister of Turkey was talking about the former Yugoslavia and suggesting that had it not been Muslims there, there would have been a different response. I don't think that was true but that was the perception. There were those sensitivities.

So I think there are huge challenges facing us. I think Canada has a very important role to play in that reform of international institutions, simply because of who we are, our standard of living, the kind of intellectual resources we can bring to bear, our standing in the world and our lack of, as I said, this political baggage.

In terms of the trade of military materials: In the context of what we can accomplish in a post-Cold War period and the mechanisms we're going to look to, [we want] to try and provide some security against aggression. We're a long way from there now. I'd like to step back and look at the big picture again in terms of the world in the post-Cold War period, which is still a very uncertain world.

CJN: *One of the irritants for Israel over the years has been the continuation of the Arab boycott. There was some hope that once the peace accord was signed in Washington, the boycott would be lifted. The most recent reports say the Saudis [and other Arab countries] have said no, it would not be lifted. What steps would the Canadian government be prepared to take to ensure that Canadian companies are not complying with the boycott?*

Campbell: Well, that's an interesting point and to be perfectly candid with you, I'm not familiar with specific concerns that have been raised. But as justice minister, I was very much involved with the question of trade between Canada and Cuba, for example, and efforts by the United States to have extraterritorial application of their laws to companies operating in Canada. I, in fact, as justice minister, issued an order to companies to ensure they were not complying with an extraterritorial law. That's a model we can certainly look at. Under the circumstances, I would be quite prepared to look into [the Arab boycott]. It's not been drawn to my attention before, that this is a problem. There is certainly a precedent for ensuring that Canadian companies trade according to Canadian law and that they are not instruments of the foreign policy of other countries.

CJN: *As justice minister, you were responsible for the dossier on Nazi war criminals. Did you have a sense of frustration through that time that so few prosecutions were brought before the courts and that there have been no convictions to date?*

Campbell: Let's go back to square one. The legislation to permit those prosecutions was brought in by our government. It was brought in at an historical time that was least propitious for following the cases. We've devoted a lot of resources toward investigating the cases. I met personally with my war crimes team when I became justice minister to make it very clear [that] the commitment of our government, from the prime minister down, was that these investigations continue. And in fact, we added resources at a time when we were cutting back on justice's expenditures, simply because of the time limit.

My frustration is that we're investigating these things in 1993, as opposed to 1953 or 1963. That's the frustration. I mean, actuarially, the body of witnesses is declining. [But] there have been some good results. In the post-Berlin Wall period and following the changes in eastern and central Europe, we've gotten access to archives that weren't available to us before [and] have managed to make agreements with countries to get access to their materials, particularly in the former Soviet Union.

But the problem is, we've had setbacks in the courts here in terms of taking commission evidence, which has been enormously frustrating. One of the things we find is that in a lot of those countries, the people we would like to bring here to testify, they have never traveled before and it's a very frightening prospect [for them].

I am very committed to this file and I think the team in the justice department is enormously committed. They really want to see things through. I made it very clear when I met with them that there was no quota for us, no question that if we had three cases [and] those cases were thrown out of court or we ran into the kinds of problems that we've run into, that every time we had a setback, we would simply learn from it and continue; that there was no question of saying, "Well, we've had these three setbacks, we may as well throw our hands up." I made that explicit instruction to my team, that they should see it that way, that when we have a problem we should learn from it and try and muster our resources to either overcome it or guide ourselves accordingly.

But the biggest frustration for me is trying to do these prosecutions 50 years after the fact. I mean, it really is outrageous. They should have been done a lot earlier. And it's hard sometimes for Canadians who don't have an association with the Holocaust, who don't have an association with events associated with war crimes, to understand the need for [prosecutions].

The analogy I've drawn for people, in trying to explain why it's important so long after the fact, is the more recent developments: as sexual abuse of children has become something we're talking about openly now, you see people who have lived their whole lives with the pain. The Supreme Court of Canada has said that there is no statute of limitations, that you can lay a charge many years after the event. You simply submit to the same evidentiary requirements. But the need for people to get justice, it doesn't go away.

And what we find in Canada now [is] so many of the Holocaust survivors, as they're getting older, feel an even greater intensity. Some of them are able to talk about it now for the first time but there is this sense of urgency for justice and I think it is important that we don't have a statute of limitations in our criminal law. If we had it, that would be different. But we don't. If you commit an offence, whenever there is evidence and it comes to the attention of people we prosecute it. We don't say, "Oh well, it was 25 years ago so let's not think about it." So I, as a matter of principle, believe [in this] very strongly. Parliament initiated this legislation. It's had challenges to it. It's withstood those challenges. And we need to go ahead. But the frustration is the fact that we're doing it in the 1990s.

CJN: *Can you elaborate on the March 1994 deadline you set?*

Campbell: That was not a deadline. That was a target date which justified an increased allocation of resources because from my perspective, we've got to have some target date to complete these investigations. It's not a deadline. I mean, [prosecutions] will continue [after March, 1994]. But that's what we used to justify re-allocating resources, because time is running out.

[The setting of the date] was an attempt to answer the concern I sensed from some people — the Friends of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, Canadian Jewish Congress and others — that somehow these things would just kind of peter out. We've got to set ourselves a target in terms of allocating resources in the department. We don't have forever in these cases. We've got to focus on trying to conclude the investigations. There are very, very difficult cases.

CJN: *What about the other route: denaturalization and deportation, such as in the case of Jacob Luitjens (who was stripped of his Canadian citizenship and deported to Holland, where he is serving a prison term).*

Campbell: If the evidence is there, you can. The problem with a lot of these cases is that there is no evidence of the representations that were made or what inquiries were made when these people entered the country. That's the problem. When we finally won the battle with Luitjens, we then went back on that basis, to re-evaluate cases, to see if some of them would be amenable to the same result. There's no philosophic barrier at all to doing that. But Luitjens took a long time. So it's not a simple short-cut to resolve the issue. But where there is evidence that there was misrepresentation made and you can establish that, then I think it is a useful route. But it's sometimes no easier to establish that than it is to try and establish the actual case.

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Jean Chrétien

ELECTION WATCH '93

Jean Chrétien was born in Shawinigan, Québec on January 11, 1934. After attending schools in Shawinigan, Joliette and Trois-Rivères, he studied law at Laval University. He was called to the bar in 1958.

Chrétien was first elected to the House of Commons in 1963 representing the constituency of St-Maurice-Laflèche. He was re-elected in 1965. In July 1965, he was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister Lester Pearson and in January 1966, to the Ministry of Finance. In 1967 he became Minister of State attached to the Minister of Finance and in 1968 was appointed Minister of National Revenue.

He was returned to the House in the 1968 election, representing the new constituency of St-Maurice and named Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. He remained in that post until 1974 when he was appointed President of the Treasury Board.

He was appointed Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce in 1976. A year later, he became Minister of Finance. He held that post until 1979.

Chrétien was returned to the House of Commons for a sixth consecutive term in the May 1979 election.

After the Liberal victory in February 1980, he was appointed Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada and given the additional task of Minister responsible for constitutional negotiations. In 1982 he was appointed Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.

In June 1984, Chrétien ran for the leadership of the Liberal Party of Canada but lost to John Turner. He was appointed Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs. In the 1984 election, he was re-elected as the MP for St-Maurice and as a member of the Opposition was appointed Critic for External Affairs.

Chrétien resigned from the House of Commons on February 27, 1986.

From March 1986 to June 1990 he was a lawyer with the firm of Lang Michener Lawrence and Shaw.

In 1990, Chrétien was elected Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada. He won a by-election in the riding of Beauséjour and was sworn in as Leader of the Opposition in December 1990.

CJN editor Patricia Rucker and reporter Ron Csillag interviewed Chrétien in Toronto following two well-received appearances by him in the Jewish community, one at the Primrose Club and another at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living.

CJN: *In which direction would Canada-Israel relations go under a government headed by you and would that constitute a shift from current policy?*

Chrétien: I don't know if it's a shift or not (but) what we favor is the full peace process in the Middle East and we're very pleased with the developments of the last few weeks. It was an incredible moment when the prime minister (of Israel) and (PLO Chairman Yasser) Arafat were together, shook hands and after that, they had a private meeting. So it's all extremely positive and I hope it will carry on. It's difficult for both sides, there's no doubt about it. We have to do everything we can as a country to help in that situation. The problem area will be that you have to help economically somewhat to have the two communities prosper, to make life easier for everybody to live together and somewhat separately at the same time. And Canada should be there all the time to help. What they need today, I don't know. There have been no specific requests of Canada at this moment.

CJN: *The Canadian commitment (to the international financial package to help Palestinians in the territories) is $50 million over five years. Does that strike you as reasonable?*

Chrétien: I'm in a campaign and we have a program. We have to be careful with the taxpayers' money. It's not our money. And I don't know if the effort should not be bigger. We'll see. I'm very careful at this time in the campaign, (of not just saying) yes, yes, yes and trying to buy votes. It's not my style. I think there's an understanding of the problem and there is a desire that we find — or *they* find — a solution. We cannot solve the problem for them, living in this country. Is $50 million adequate? I don't know. If we are committed to $50 million, I will respect that. If there is a need to increase it, and if we can find the money, fine. I know we'll have a lot of people in my caucus who are very close to your community so we'll do our best.

CJN: *The Arab boycott is still in place and Saudi Arabia (and other Arab nations have) recently announced it will not be lifted. Canada's opposition in principle to the boycott is well known but would your government be willing to use whatever influence it could to overturn it?*

Chrétien: To have peace, you have to have normal relations, on every score. When there is trade among (Mideast nations), it will help bring them to peace, no doubt about it. So we believe that normal trade relations should be a normal follow-through of normal political relations. Of course, (Canada) is a player there; not a major one, but a player. When I was minister, we were always aware of the problems and still are. I want to have very normal relations among these nations. That is the best way to have peace.

CJN: *There was a certain sense of disappointment in our community about your party's stand during the Gulf War (particularly) when Scud missiles fell on Israel. Do you think that was misunderstand in our community?*

Chrétien: We did what senators in the United States — some very close to your community — did. We opposed the war at that time. There was an (economic) boycott going on. And the president of the United States was telling everybody that the boycott was working. And suddenly, in the middle of something like November (1990), they decided the boycott was not working anymore. So senators like Senator Nunn, Kennedy and all the Democrats voted against the war on a Friday. We voted on a Tuesday and we voted like they did. (But) when the country was at war, we supported the war.

It's a question of judgment. Was the boycott working or not? When you're in opposition, you're not privy to any information. So there was no lack of support for Israel. There were a lot of people who felt that the best thing was an economic boycott and if the boycott did not work, you start a war. And that's exactly what happened. But when the missiles started to fly, we were on the side of the troops. You know that. So you cannot say what you just affirmed. When the missiles were flying, we supported the war. Those who say the contrary are wrong.

But in terms of when to have a war, that was a big debate. (The resolution declaring war) passed the (U.S. Senate) 51 to 48. So for us, it was different because it was a week after (the vote in the United States). We had the vote Tuesday and the war was declared on Wednesday. When we were at war, I said, "Fine." If the president of the United States and the prime minister of Canada decided that is the time, we said, "Fine, we're supporting the troops and supporting the war." (But) when there was a political debate about what is the best solution, we were like the 48 senators in the United States (who voted against war).

CJN: *Immigration, it seems, has not been a priority in this campaign. Do you think that's because there is a lack of interest in it or that is it not being raised that much because it's an explosive issue?*

Chrétien: No, it's not because it's an explosive issue. The problem with immigration is based on the economic situation. Some people say we should not take many more (immigrants) because there is so much unemployment in Canada. My view, and I expressed it in the debates, is that we should always try to (allow in) close to one per cent (of the total population) a year because it's a country that needs growth. And when we need growth, immigrants are not a burden, generally speaking, on any nation like Canada. They become consumers the first day they arrive. In fact, you take people who have a lot of education. You don't have to pay for that education; it's been paid by others. So I am positive on immigration. There is always debate on refugees and family reunification. But we've always been very positive on immigration.

CJN: *Are you satisfied with the way the present process is working?*

Chrétien: For me, there is never a process that is satisfactory in public life. You put the law in place with the best intentions and there is always some interpretation by bureaucrats or the public, and people abuse the system, and so on. So it's a constant review that we have to do all the time. There are some elements at this moment that probably need to be reviewed and if they need to be reviewed, the minister of immigration will come with some propositions. And if they make sense, we'll change (the rules).

CJN: *Tied into the issue of immigration is the multiculturalism issue. The country seems to be very fractured during this election. Would you prefer to see the structure which has been proposed of having multiculturalism under a Canadian Heritage ministry? How would you handle the whole issue of multiculturalism?*

Chrétien: This debate is always coming up. . . should we or should we not have a department of multiculturalism as such. There is big pressure on the nation to reduce the number of departments and to concentrate the operation with less ministers; to that I tend to subscribe. The cabinet under (Brian) Mulroney at one time was 40 or 41 and it was too many. The location is not what is at stake. It is the commitment: are we or are we not in favor of multiculturalism? The answer is yes, and that is my political commitment.

You know, I was the minister of justice who put multiculturalism in the Canadian Constitution in 1981-'82; and when you listen to my speeches, I'm always talking about tolerance and generosity and sharing. You know my values, and they are necessarily reflected in my thinking. The multiplication of departments under the administration of Mulroney caused other problems, because if the leadership is not committed, to have a minister means nothing. I will wait to be prime minister to organize my ministries . . . but I inscribed it (multiculturalism) in the Constitution and it is one of my great prides. I was the minister of justice who took the Charter of Rights and made it part of the Constitution. That was a giant step and I was instrumental in doing it.

CJN: *There is an issue that may be small on the overall national agenda but that for the Jewish community is still a very painful and important issue for a large segment of our readers — the pursuit of war criminals. You mentioned that you were minister of justice, you were the minister responsible . . .*

Chrétien: The first deportation that was ever made was done when I was minister of justice. I worked on that; at that time Bob Kaplan was solicitor-general and I was minister of justice. So now, we have laws in Canada that should be enforced. I am not privy at this moment, talking to you, to specific files. There will be a minister of justice and he or she will be under instructions to follow the law of the land.

CJN: *Do you have any preference for deportation? or prosecution in Canada?*

Chrétien: It's probably preferable that these criminals be judged by the jurisdictions where they committed their crimes. That will be the norm, but in some areas it's not possible; it was impossible at the time of the Soviet Union to dream that there could be any prosecutions there, so that is why we said if we want to do it, we'll do it here; but the normal law in society is that the criminal faces justice where he committed his crime.

CJN: *National unity and the rights of minorities are very deep issues for the Jewish community in Quebec, as is the whole nature of nationalism in Quebec. They are afraid that they will not be included in any nationalist vision of Quebec, whether within Canada or . . .*

Chrétien: When M. Bouchard said I should not run in Quebec because I am too much of a Canadian, I attacked him. I asked: "Is this the kind of society you want to have in your country?" You heard me say: "I'm Jean Chrétien. I was born in Shawinigan, my father was Wellie Chrétien, my mother, Marie Boisvert — in Canada, you can't have more French names than that. And I am a Quebecer, a proud Quebecer, a proud francophone and a proud Canadian. Is this the type of intolerance you're proposing to have?" But I am fighting separatism and I am fighting always on the basis of inclusion — the politics of inclusion, of generosity, of trust.

CJN: *Quelle est votre réponse au commentaire de M. David Peterson, ancien premier ministre de l'Ontario, qui a dit que le nationalisme québécois est le produit de l'humiliation que les Québécois et Québécoises ont soutenue?*

Chrétien: Je n'ai pas lu l'entrevue qu'a donnée M. Peterson; donc je ne peux pas rentrer dans les détails. Mais je peux dire simplement que souvent dans les propos que M. Bouchard a employé à mon endroit, souvent ce n'était pas des propos où la générosité était débordante. C'était plutôt très étroit, parce que je suis un fédéraliste et que je crois au Canada, de me faire dire que je ne peux pas me présenter dans le comté ou je suis né, ce n'est pas une pensée très généreuse de la part de M. Bouchard. Ça, c'est une parole qu'il a eu. Et certains de ses candidats ont eu des paroles très dures à mon égard.

Parce que je suis un Canadien, et fier de l'être, je ne suis pas un traître à la francophonie. Au contraire, si la francophonie survit aujourd'hui en terre d'Amérique, c'est parce que le Canada éxiste. Les Français de la Nouvelle Angleterre ne parlent plus français maintenant, où très peu. C'est parce qu'au Canada on a cette tolérance, cette générosité qu'on a mis les deux langues officielles dans la Constitution canadienne. C'est pour ça que le français survit encore. Je suis autant francophone et autant francophile que lui, sauf que mon mécanisme pour le préserver c'est à l'intérieur du Canada. Beaucoup d'entre eux

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Russian Jewish community backed Yeltsin during crisis

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

MOSCOW — Russian Jewry rallied behind President Boris Yeltsin last week in his momentous power struggle with hardline dissident parliamentarians.

Russia's largest Jewish umbrella group, the Confederation of Jewish Organizations and Communities, as well as the Confederation of Jewish Religious Congregations and Organizations, issued statements in support of Yeltsin's decision to quell the armed challenge to his authority.

The two-week crisis, which erupted on Sept. 21, plunged Russia into its worst constitutional crisis since the October 1917 revolution.

After the insurrection was crushed, Yeltsin declared on televison: "In this black deed, Fascists have joined with communists, and the swastika has blended with the hammer and the sickle. Their goal was to establish in Russia a bloody communist-fascist dictatorship."

The Jewish community basically agreed with this assessment.

In its statement, the Confederation of Jewish Organizations and Communities, or Vaad, said "We welcome the drastic efforts by the legally-elected Russian president, Boris Yeltsin, to stamp out the Fascist communist putsch."

Earlier, the Vaad had said: "In this situation, the leadership of the Jewish community . . . finds it impossible to remain on the sidelines. We express our support for President Yeltsin and the Russian government, considering that stability, order, economic and political unity of the state, the protection of human rights . . . and safety of democracy in Russia are impossible under the conditions that had existed until now."

The Vaad claimed that the challenge mounted by former vice-president Alexander Rutskoi and speaker of parliament Ruslan Khashbulatov had united all the reactionary forces from fascists to Stalinists.

In its communique, which was released just days before the army was sent in to deal with the rebellion, the Confederation of Jewish Religious Congregations and Organizations stated: "We appeal to Russian powers to take all necessary measures to prevent the spread of anti-Semitic manifestations."

Vaad vice-president Roman Spektor told *The Canadian Jewish News* that anti-Jewish forces backed Rutskoi and company. Among them were Ilya Konstantinov, a parliamentarian and Alexander Prokhanov, a newspaper editor.

"We are with Yeltsin because anti-Semitic groups are in the White House [the Russian parliament building] ," said Spektor.

Rafael Fineberg, executive vice-president of the Jewish Cultural Association, who monitors anti-Semitism for the Vaad, said that Russian anti-Semites usually refer to Yeltsin as "Baruch Yeltsman."

Noami Zubkwa, a journalist and member of the Jewish Cultural Association, said anti-Yeltsin parliamentarians who swung behind Rutskoi had accused Yeltsin of being influenced by "Zionism."

Several days before the crisis was resolved, the chief rabbi of Russia, Adolf Avraham Shayevich, charged that "Nazis and Fascists" were supporing the Rutskoi faction. He said the Jewish community would be "better off" if Rutskoi's forces were routed.

Pinchas Goldschmidt, the chief rabbi of Moscow, declined to take a stand. "My position doesn't allow me to take sides," he said. However, Rabbi Goldschmidt said "power vacuums" pose a danger to Russian Jewry.

Tancred Golenpolsky, editor of the *Jewish Gazette*, the biggest Jewish publication in Russia, said the developments of the past two weeks prove "there cannot be compromise with the forces of fundamentalism, be they red (communist) or brown (Fascist) in color."

Reacting to the events that shook Russia, Israeli ambassador Chaim Bar-Lev said Israel supported "the process of democratization and reforms" that Yeltsin had undertaken as president.

Spektor warned that if Yeltsin's opponents had prevailed, "old models of anti-Semitism" would have re-emerged in Russia: restricted admission at universities, discrimination in employment and, in the Middle East, a readoption of the old Soviet Union's pro-Arab policy.

Bar-Lev agreed that the coup plotters might have clamped down on Jews. But he disagreed with the analysis that Russia under Rutskoi would have turned against Israel. "We had good relations with Rutskoi and Khasbulatov. They both visited Israel, and were very impressed."

Furthermore, Bar-Lev said, if Rutskoi had succeeded Yeltsin, he most probably would not have given important positions to "anti-Jewish elements" in his entourage.

Mikhail Sivertzev, a Jewish activist and member of the Moscow-based International Association of Judaic Studies and Jewish Culture, pointed out that neither Rutskoi nor Khasbulatov are personally anti-Semitic.

Rutskoi, whose mother is Jewish, visited Israel in 1992 and met with Israeli leaders.

Life returns to normal

In Aug. 1991, he was the sole senior figure in Yeltsin's government to attend the funeral of Ilya Kirchevsky, a Jewish Muscovite killed while resisting the abortive hardline communist coup.

Khasbulatov, a Muslim, also visited Israel in 1992, and praised it as a nation whose economy combines free enterprise with state intervention.

In the wake of the insurrection, life has returned to normal in Moscow, but the 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew — the first since October 1941 — was still in effect as of Oct. 8.

But on a wall near the now-abandoned, blackened White House, there was an ominous inscription: "Death to Yeltsin," with interlocking Stars of David and swastikas.

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CJN: *M. David Peterson, l'ancien premier ministre de l'Ontario, a suggéré il y a quelques jours que le nationalisme qui s'accroît maintenant au Québec, et qui nourrit le Bloc Québécois, est basé sur des sentiments d'humiliation des Québécois et Québécoises, et pour cette raison, M. Peterson a dit, il est très dangereux. Il a même fait la comparaison avec le Nazisme en Allemagne. Est-ce que vous êtes d'accord? et comment est-ce que votre parti, votre gouvernement, répondra aux aspirations nationalistes des Québécois et Québecoises?*

Campbell: Personellement, je n'ai jamais entendu quelqu'un qui a exprimé ce sentiment à moi personnellement. Au cours des années 60, la littérature du mouvement souverainetiste au Québec a produit des choses comme ça. Mais ça ne m'est pas évident que c'est la base du mouvement du Bloc Québécois. C'est à mon avis au contraire un mouvement souverainetiste dans le contexte culturel. C'est un mouvement qui prétend que la seule façon de protéger la culture francophone, la culture française au Québec, c'est d'avoir un gouvernement unique, un gouvernmement souverain pour tous les buts au Québec. Mon approche et l'approche de mon gouvernement est de reconnaître les aspirations culturelles des Québécois et Québécoises, surtout les francophones, parce que c'est une communauté historique.

Et comme une anglophone qui est bilingue fonctionnellement — je ne suis pas parfaitement bilingue, c'est évident — je comprends bien l'importance d'avoir la capacité de vivre dans sa langue maternelle et la frustration pour les gens au Québec qui ont peut-être le sens que l'ambiance francophone et la capacité de vivre complètement en français est peut-être menacée. C'est intéressant parce que récemment il y'avait une étude faite par quelqu'un aux États-Unis qui a dit que la menace la plus importante à cette capacité au Québec, c'est l'élite des hommes d'affaires francophones au Québec qui font leur travail aux États-Unis, qui ont des liens avec les personnes d'affaires à Houston, à Boston, etc. C'est l'influence américaine qui pose la menace la plus significantive pour la survie de la langue française au Québec.

Donc mon approche et l'approche de mon gouvernmement est d'appuyer les aspirations culturelles, d'avoir des politiques qui rendent possible la vie francophone au Canada; par example, la politique du bilinguisme qui assure que chaque Canadien et Canadienne peut recevoir les services du gouvernement fédéral dans les deux langues officielles. À mon avis, le Canada est une enveloppe pour protéger les droits linguistiques, non seulement au Québec mais partout au Canada.

CJN: *Mais est-ce que vous pensez que le nationalisme québécois menace les communautés culturelles, comme la communauté juive? la communauté grecque?*

Campbell: Je pense que le nationalisme per se pose ce problème. Parce que quand on entend M. Lucien Bouchard ou M. Jacques Parizeau, ils parlent de l'importance des communautés culturelles au Québec. Mais je comprends bien l'incertitude et l'inquiétude des membres de ces communautés et c'est pourquoi il est important de conserver une société tolérante et une société qui reconnaît les besoins culturels de certaines communautés, et aussi les besoins linguistiques, et qui reconnaît aussi l'importance de conserver la nature culturelle d'une société. Je pense qu'il est important que le Canada comme principe de base maintienne la tolérance, la dualité linguistique et la protection des minorités de toutes sortes: culturelles, linguistiques, ethniques ou raciales.

(Translation)

CJN: *David Peterson, the former premier of Ontario, suggested several days ago that the nationalism which is now growing in Quebec and which is feeding the Bloc Québécois is based on a sense of humiliation among Quebecers, and that for that reason, Mr. Peterson said, it is very dangerous. He even made a comparison with Nazism in Germany. Do you agree? And how would your party and your government respond to the nationalist aspirations of Quebecers?*

Campbell: Personally, I've never heard anyone express that feeling to me. During the '60s, the literature of the sovereigntist movement in Quebec produced things like that. But it's not clear that that (the sense of humiliation) is the basis of the Bloc Québécois movement. It is, in my opinion, on the contrary a sovereigntist movement in the cultural context. It's a movement which maintains that the only way in which to protect the francophone culture, the French culture in Quebec, is to have a government of their own, a government for all intents and purposes sovereign. My approach and the approach of my government is to recognize the cultural aspirations of Quebecers — and especially the francophones, because it is a historic community.

And as a "functionally bilingual" anglophone — I'm not perfectly bilingual, that's obvious — I well understand the importance of having the ability to live in one's mother tongue, and the frustrations for the people of Quebec, who have perhaps the sense that the francophone ambiance and the ability to live totally in French is possibly threatened.

It's interesting because recently there was a study, by someone in the United States, which said that the most important threat to this ability (to live in French) in Quebec is the elite among the francophone businessmen in Quebec who work in the United States, who have links with business people in Houston, in Boston, etc. It's the American influence which poses the most significant threat to the survival of the French language in Quebec.

Therefore, my approach and the approach of my government is to support the cultural aspirations, and to have policies which make francophone life in Canada possible — for example, the bilingualism policy which ensures that every Canadian can obtain the services of the federal government in the two official languages. In my opinion, Canada is an envelope to protect language rights, not only in Quebec but everywhere in Canada.

CJN: *But do you think that Quebec nationalism threatens the cultural communities like the Jewish community? the Greek community?*

Campbell: I think that nationalism per se poses a problem. Because when one hears Lucien Bouchard or Jacques Parizeau, they talk about the importance of the cultural communities in Quebec. But I understand very well the uncertainty and the fears of the members of these communities, and that is why, in my opinion, it is important to preserve a tolerant society and a society which recognizes the cultural needs of certain communities and also their linguistic needs; and which recognizes the importance of preserving the cultural nature of a society. I think it is important that Canada maintain, as a fundamental principle, tolerance, linguistic duality, and the protection of all kinds of minorities: cultural, linguistic, ethnic or racial.

Jean Chrétien

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devraient être reconnaissants pour le fait qu'ici au Canada, dans notre Constitution et dans nos traditions on a vécu avec un pays avec deux langues qui ont été inclues dans la Constitution officielle quand j'étais ministre de la justice.

Pour moi, je demande aux gens de me juger par mes actes et mes paroles. Les actes, c'est important. On ne m'a jamais accusé dans ma carrière politique d'avoir été un personnage intolérant, au contraire.

(Translation)

CJN: *What is your response to the comments of David Peterson, former premier of Ontario, who said that Quebec nationalism is the product of the humiliation suffered by Quebecers?*

Chrétien: I haven't read the interview which M. Peterson gave, so I can't get into details. But I can simply say that often in the words which M. Bouchard uses with regard to me, often they are not words in which generosity is overwhelming. It is, moreover, very narrow-minded to say to me that because I am a federalist, and because I believe in Canada, I can't run in the riding in which I was born. That is not a very generous thought on the part of M. Bouchard. But those were his words. And certain of his candidates have had very harsh words about me.

Because I am a Canadian and proud of it, I am not a traitor to the French fact (la francophonie). On the contrary. If the French fact survives today in North America, it is because Canada exists. The French of New England no longer speak French today, or very few. It is because in Canada we have this tolerance, this generosity which has placed the two official languages in the Canadian Constitution — it's because of that that French still survives. I am as much a francophone and a francophile as he (Bouchard) is, except that my mechanism for preserving it (French) is within Canada. Many of them (the Bloc Québécois) should be grateful for the fact that here in Canada, in our Constitution and in our traditions, we have lived with a country with two languages, which were inserted in the Constitution when I was minister of justice.

For myself, I ask people to judge me on my actions and my words. Actions, that's what counts. I have never in my political career been accused of being an intolerant person. On the contrary.

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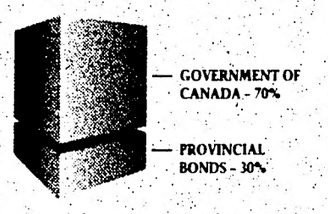

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The News in Brief

Michlalah to Honor Canadians

JERUSALEM — To mark its 30th anniverary, Michlalah, the Jerusalem College for Women, will dedicate the Serena Abeles Raab Holocaust Education Centre at its campus here Oct. 28. Participating in the dedication will be Serena Raab's surviving children, Alexandre Raab of Markham, Ont.; Ernest Raab and Clara Reitman of Toronto; and Lilly Berenhaut of Montreal, and their families. The centre will offer a broad program of study in the Holocaust for teachers in training. Following the ceremony, 75 men, the first male graduates in the college's history, will be awarded degrees. The commencement will also pay tribute to Rabbi Henry Hoschander of Toronto, president of that city's Vaad Harabanim and former spiritual leader of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. Rabbi Hoschander, the parent of a Michlalah graduate and honorary president of the Canadian Friends of Michlalah, will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Established in 1964 by Rabbi Yehuda Copperman, Michlalah is considered Israel's premier Orthodox teacher's college and boasts over 1,000 students.

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Danish Rescue Marked

CALGARY — Over 400 people gathered at the Calgary Jewish Centre earlier this month to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the rescue of Denmark's Jews during World War II. Members of the Swedish, Danish and Jewish communities came together to recall the act of heroism, in which almost all of Denmark's 7,000 Jews were smuggled out of the country in fishing boats, most to neutral Sweden.

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Dayan on Peace Prospects

WINNIPEG — Longtime Israeli peace activist Yael Dayan offered an upbeat forecast of Middle East peace prospects earlier this month. Speaking to a near-capacity crowd at Shaarey Zedek Synagogue, Dayan said the signing of the Israel-PLO peace accord puts an end to rightists' dream of a Greater Israel and opens prospects for tourism and trade. Dayan's comments drew both praise and criticism.

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French Feud Erupts

PARIS — A feud has erupted between two leading figures of the Jewish community in France that includes Sephardic-Ashkenazic undercurrents and arguments over affiliations. At the core of the dispute is the question of who will represent French Jewry on a variety of issues. Pitted against each other are Jean Kahn, head of CRIF, the umbrella political body representing French Jewry, and Jean-Pierre Bansard, president of the Consistoire Central, the organization caring for the community's religious needs.

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El Al Crash Memorial

AMSTERDAM — Thousands of people attended a memorial service here earlier this month to commemorate the first anniversary of the crash of an El Al cargo jet into a 10-storey apartment block in suburban Amsterdam. Forty-three people died, 80 apartments were destroyed and another 150 were made uninhabitable as a result of the crash, the worst in Holland's history. Crowds marched in a silent procession on the eve of the anniversary of the disaster, which occurred when the Boeing 747 lost two of its four engines shortly after takeoff from Amsterdam's international airport. Wreaths were laid by Amsterdam Mayor Ed van Thijn and by representatives of local immigrant communities, which suffered the heaviest tolls in the disaster. Along with the three Israeli members of the plane's crew and one passenger, 39 people living in the apartment complex died as a result of the crash.

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Australian War Crimes Trial

SYDNEY — The third European immigrant to Australia to be charged with crimes against humanity during World War II has pleaded not guilty to the charges. Heinrich Wagner, 69, who was charged with crimes committed in Ukraine in 1942 under amended war crimes legislation, made his plea at the opening of the court proceedings last week in Adelaide. In his first appearance, Wagner denied involvement in both the murder of an estimated 104 Jews and the 1942 murder of 19 children of part-Jewish parentage in the Kirovograd region of Ukraine.

Jewish Arts Festival Next Week

OTTAWA — Arts Alive, the Jewish Community Centre's annual Jewish book fair and cultural festival, gets started Oct. 30 and continues through Nov. 2. World-renowned authors Mordecai Richler and Chaim Potok are expected to attend. The Jewish pop group Kolos will give a concert and the Yiddish Drama Group of Montreal's Saidye Bronfman Theatre will stage two shows.

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Israel Confirms China Sales

JERUSALEM — Israel last week confirmed it has been selling arms to China but refused comment on a U.S. report that the deals have been worth billions of dollars and included high-tech weaponry. A report from the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency accused Israel of selling billions of dollars worth of advanced military technology to China for more than 10 years and that Israel and China appear to be broadening their military cooperation. Israel's defence ministry confirmed parts of the report but denied it is harming U.S. interests.

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Israel Beats France

TEL AVIV — The champagne was chilled and waiting in Paris last Wednesday night, but it was not the French who drank it. It was the Israeli national soccer team and its fans who toasted each other to mark their surprise 3-2 upset win over the French national team, casting a deep shadow over French hopes of taking part in the World Soccer Cup finals next year. Despite its victory in Paris, Israel is already out of the running, having shown disappointing losses in previous qualifying games.

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Anti-Semitism 'No Longer Taboo'

JERUSALEM — "It's no longer a taboo to be openly anti-Semitic" in Germany, Ignatz Bubis, chairman of the central council of Jews in Germany, told a conference here last week on racism in Germany. He said that in a sense, he welcomed this new openness, because he preferred to know with whom he was dealing. The majority of Germans see Jews as foreigners and strangers, he said. However, he insisted today's anti-Semitism could not be compared with that of the '30s and '40s.

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Jail for Anti-Semitic Abuse

PARIS — In what is being called the stiffest sentence of its kind in France, a man has been condemned to a one-year jail term for anti-Semitic verbal abuse. Georges Anne, a 47-year-old electrician, was convicted by the Versailles Court of Justice of verbally abusing his neighbors for several years with anti-Semitic slurs. The sentence is the heaviest ever handed down for such an offense. The Versailles court also ordered that its decision be posted on Anne's front door and published in various newspapers. In addition, Anne has been required to pay a sum equivalent to $20,000 in damages to his neighbors, as well as the equivalent of $2,000 to a French anti-racism organization.

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Saxony Cemeteries Vandalized

PARIS — Jewish cemeteries in the German state of Saxony have been the recent target of neo-Nazi vandals. The latest attack occurred earlier this month at the Jewish cemetery in the eastern city of Dresden, where four headstones were toppled and swastikas and anti-Semitic slogans were painted on other tombs. Police in Saxony said this was the fifth attack against a Jewish cemetery in recent weeks. A special police unit set up to fight rightist extremism in Saxony is investigating and a $1,200 reward has been offered for information leading to the arrest of the perpetrators.

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Arafat 'Committed' to Human Rights

TUNIS — PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat has informed Amnesty International (AI) that the PLO is committed to respect all internationally recognized human rights standards and to incorporate them into Palestinian legislation. Arafat made the pledge recently here to a visiting AI delegation. AI stressed the importance of rapid introduction of human rights training for Palestinian law enforcement officials and human rights education in schools and universities.

Front Line

It's time to get down to the simple things in life

By JACK CHISVIN

My first grandchild (fittingly named Adam) invited me to attend grandparents' day at his school. As we walked down the corridor, the other zayde asked if I would want to be in Grade 2 starting all over. Without hesitation I emphatically answered "no" because my life the second time around may not be as good as this one and I would not chance it. I don't dwell on growing old, I only know that I will never be as young again as I am today. I have not known an unhappy day in my life — some days may have been less happy than others — but never unhappy. Apart from my profession, I enjoy an eclectic range of interests: books, travel, theatre, food, gardening, sports, which I pursue to the fullest. I live my life in the context of being unashamedly and proudly Jewish, in a larger society which doesn't always appreciate or understand Jews.

During a conversation with the editor of this newspaper, in an irrational moment, I suggested, somewhat tongue in cheek, that I might share some of my experiences with the readers of *The Canadian Jewish News*. Surprisingly, Patricia Rucker called my bluff and not being able to back away from a challenge, I now find myself in print, although my qualifications are limited to having won an essay contest in high school. Appearing in print is like exposing yourself; there is no chance of denying what you write anymore than you can deny bodily blemishes when unclothed.

While some may think that insomnia is debilitating or at least a nuisance, I treat it as a great reading opportunity. I read everything, books, magazines and periodicals, be they meaningful or trivial, well into the night, until I finally fall asleep. I usually can't remember much of what I read the next morning. Days and weeks later, words, phrases, sentences and even whole paragraphs emerge out of my subconscious to become part of my lexicon, without my being able to identify who wrote what, when and where. If I occasionally display some wit or wisdom, it may be something I borrowed from others, who in turn probably borrowed it from others, for as it is written in Koheleth: "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done; and there is nothing new under the sun."

Jack Chisvin

I don't intend to write about fundraising, financial constraints, identity crisis, terrorism, politics or the villain theory of history. I intend to write about simple things, without complications, with a cheerful optimism about the world; about family and Jewish values; about myths and cultural beliefs and as I understand the human conditions that reflect and shape our social as well as our natural environment. I intend to write in the first person, singular.

As this column appears periodically, I hope to develop a relationship with the readers. I ask you to join me in extolling kindness, honesty, literacy and commitment; to recognize human worth; to laugh and celebrate elegance and what's contemporary, separating the authentic from the contrived; and most of all to be whimsical and not take me too seriously.

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The dog days of summer bring a mellow gentleness unkown at other times of the year. Having grown up in the West where every activity is related to the seasons, I sense summer as time standing still. The harshness of winter is forgotten and the renewal of spring is complete. The harvest of autumn awaits while the sun imparts its golden color to the ripening grain.

During the summer between my third and fourth year at university, I was hired by the Department of Highways as an area engineer, stationed in a dusty town in a remote corner of Manitoba. Visitors to that town were a rarity and I soon became the resident celebrity. I occupied the largest of the eight guest rooms in the hotel and as befitting my status, took my meals in the proprietor's family kitchen.

It was a pleasant summer. The days dissolved one into the other. Hot afternoons were spent swimming in a slough at the edge of town. In the evening the entire population met at the railway station to wave at the passengers as the train slowed down to drop off a bag of mail and a bundle of Winnipeg newspapers. It was cause for excitement when the train came to a full stop to permit the occasional passenger to disembark. There were two churches in the town and attendance on Sunday was obligatory — everyone went. I was conscripted into the United Church choir, notwithwtanding my being Jewish and tone deaf and unable to carry a tune — what was important was that as a male I would help maintain the symmetery of the choir as the women members outnumbered the men. It was my first venture in ecumenism.

Long before the Expos and Blue Jays, every town in the Canadian west had a baseball team playing on their own field of dreams. Rivalries between towns were intense and the games were played with fervor. On a particular day, I transported the local team to a neighboring town for a scheduled game, in a personnel carrier which I had at my disposal. Several players who were to arrive in another vehicle encountered mechanical problems en route and didn't show up. By game time we could only muster eight players so I was impressed as the ninth. While I took pride in my athletic prowess, baseball was not my game. It was decided that the safest position for me to play was centre field where my ineptitude could be covered by either of the other two outfielders. This strategy worked — I played my position errorlessly, I didn't field a ball during the entire game.

Unfortunately when I came to bat it was another story. There could be no cover up. I had to take my turn. The opposing pitcher was big and mean and looked right through me with disdain. He threw the ball, I swung; he threw the ball, I swung; he threw the ball, I swung — three pitches, three swings, three strikes — OUT!!! This charade was repeated each time I came to bat, except that his fast ball became faster and my wild swing became wilder.

The game couldn't finish too soon to suit me, but eventually we came to the ninth inning. It was like a contrived movie plot: The score was tied — there were three men on base with two out and I was up to bat. I prayed for divine intervention, a sudden thunder storm, a lightning bolt, a stampede of cattle, anything. My regular attendance at church was not rewarded, my prayers went unanswered. The man on the pitcher's mound looked bigger and meaner than the last time I faced him. He was intent on humiliating me.

"Don't swing," my team mates pleaded, "he might walk you too." The first pitch was thrown. I didn't see it, I only heard it as I remained frozen in fear, motionless, bat on my shoulder — STRIKE! The pitcher reared back now with a smirk on his face and threw again. I didn't see the ball this time either, but I felt it, on the upper arm. Take first base — all runners advance — the winning run scores — oh jubilation! I didn't know physical pain could be so deliciously satisfying.

That night during the traditional after-game soiree in the hotel beer parlor, I was the centre of attention, receiving high fives and slaps on the backside befitting a star. Woody Allen and all the other shlemiels of this world, move over, I was there before you. I know heroes are made, not born.

Jerusalem lawyer becomes Israel's largest land owner

By CARL ALPERT

He is unknown in banking circles, but Ahmed Mugrabi, a Jerusalem lawyer, is today the richest man in Israel. He is legal owner of some 90 percent of Israel's land area. Down payment of over a million shekels for the purchase was made with a postdated cheque.

For clarification we must go back to the Bible where the Children of Israel are admonished (Exodus 23.10-11) "Six years thou shalt sow thy land and gather in the increase thereof, but the seventh year though shalt let it rest and lie fallow." The same instructions, perhaps with greater detail, are repeated in the Book of Leviticus (25.3). The Jewish calendar year 5754, which began on Rosh Hashanah, is, according to long standing rabbinical computation, that fateful seventh year, the Sabbatical year of the land, known as shmitta.

For generations the rabbis have argued about how to observe this Biblical requirement, which applies only to land in Israel owned by Jews, without condemning Jewish farmers to a year of starvation and financial ruin. About a hundred years ago the sages set up a technical device which involved fictitious sale of the land to a non-Jew for a period of one year. The Jewish farmers then technically became only workers, and could continue to till the soil of the land now held in the name of the new "owner," whose rights of proprietorship would terminate the following Rosh Hashanah, when the shmitta year comes to an end.

Some weeks before Rosh Hashanah the chief rabbis of Israel presided over a ceremony at which they formally "sold" all the land owned by the government, and all the lands of private Jewish owners, over which they had been given temporary power of attorney, to Mugrabi. The procedure was akin to the selling of chametz on the eve of Passover.

For weeks the papers had carried advertisements addressed to the Jewish farmers of the country warning them that those who failed to sign the necessary consent agreement, would find their vegetable and fruit produce banned as non-acceptable for Orthodox consumption. And since it is estimated that some 500,000 people, up to ten percent of the population, seek to abide by the shmitta regulation, the business loss could be substantial.

Many Orthodox Jews do not recognize even this device, regarding it as a violation of the firm Biblical injunction. There are ultra-Orthodox kibbutzim which have experimented with hydroponics, whereby produce is grown not in soil but in chemically treated water. Such crops can be consumed even in shmitta year.

None of this will take care of the needs for fresh fruits and vegetables by tens of thousands of observant Jews. The supply of wheat for bread is less critical, for most of the wheat consumed in Israel for such purpose is imported from abroad anyhow.

In past years there had been some reliance on the Arab farmers of Judea and Samaria, but it was soon discovered that the latter met the increased demand by buying crops from secular Jewish farmers in Israel, and then turning around and selling the produce to the Orthodox at inflated prices.

During the past six years plans were drawn up for large scale purchases from the Arabs of Gaza, and major business deals were prepared, but the security situation there put an end to this possibility. Import of produce from southern Lebanon has run into a snag because Israel's Ministry of Agriculture does not permit the import into the country of crops which may carry plant diseases that could spread here.

The ultra-Orthodox observer who is not sure of the sources, can for the next 12 months make do with canned fruits and vegetables, since he knows the items were grown before the onset of the shmitta year. And next year he will avoid canned goods, which were presumably grown during shmitta, and insist only on fresh produce.

We have no information as to what compensation Ahmed Mugrabi receives for the privilege of being the largest land owner in Israel, but we presume he is regarded as a man of integrity who will, come next Rosh Hashanah, relinquish his legal title.

Jews not immune from scourge of intolerance

By ARNOLD AGES

A number of years ago a clergyman representing an American evangelical group caused quite a stir when he announced that God didn't hear the prayers of Jews uttered in synagogues. Predictably, the offending cleric was roundly criticized both by Jewish and Christian spokesmen for the narrowness of his pronouncement.

The clergyman, however, was merely exercising the freedom of speech guaranteed under the American First Amendment; he called things as he saw them even if that meant insulting the prayer patterns of American Jews.

The Jewish community was understandably vexed by this particular expression of free speech because it bespoke rank intolerance towards one of the three great religions which Will Herberg identified in his famous book *Protestant, Catholic, Jew* — that classic of the 1950s which legitimized Judaism in the American religious landscape.

When Jews are attacked by external forces such as those represented by the evangelical pastor, they responded vigorously to the perceived insult to the Jewish faith.

What is somewhat ironical about this episode is that American Jews (Canadians are not much different) across the denominational spectrum often display intolerance towards members of the community in language as undiplomatic as that used by the overzealous minister. In fact, a few years ago, an Orthodox rabbi placed an ad in the *New York Times* urging Jews not to frequent synagogue without mehitzahs during the High Holy Days because prayers offered in those houses of worship were considered to be inauthentic.

Arnold Ages

This, of course, was not an isolated incident in the history of Judaism. The tradition records that the Second Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed less by the military might of the Romans than by the internecine squabbling of the city's Jewish defenders.

A few years ago during a visit by Israel's Dr. Yeshayahu Leibowitz to Toronto I asked the learned gentleman whether he thought at some future point Israel might develop a cadre of fanatical rabbis along the lines of the Ayatollah Khomeini's minions. Leibowitz answered by saying that one needn't look to the future, as the past already provided an example of Khomeinism — during the period of the Hasmoneans, when religious coercion was deemed to be an entirely appropriate mode of conduct.

What is the source of the kind of intolerance that prompted a member of the Haredi community in Jerusalem to comment that only the embrace of extremism can bring true religious fulfilment?

Before attempting an answer to this question one must realize that for many the concept of tolerance itself is the issue. For some pious souls, not necessarily extremist ones, there are only two categories of Jews, observant ones and those who have rebelled against the way of the mitzvot. Freedom of thought in matters religous is not factored into the equation in any way.

Several years ago at a symposium on a kibbutz in Israel a lively debate took place over this very question. A spokesman representing an Agudah position told his colleagues that what they call tolerance is merely an excuse for violating the laws of the Torah. After a vigorous exchange of views on this question the Agudah representative asked the secularists among his interlocuters to become "more tolerant of the intolerant."

That sensible plea does not, however, address the injury caused by insensitivity at best and malice at worst when disparaging remarks are made about different expressions of Judaism. It should be noted that the incivility of intolerance is not restricted to any one group in the Jewish community.

As a student of European history I find that intolerance is not a simple and innocent phenomenon; it is a disease which can wreak havoc on the social contract of nations. Intolerance towards Jews and other "heretics" drove Spain to establish the Inquisition — which ultimately led Spain into a decline which only now, 500 years later, is being reversed. The religious wars between Protestants and Catholics disrupted the social rhythm of Europe for two centuries and produced slaughter on a monumental scale. The savagery of religious wars in Europe prompted one historian to comment that there is no odium (hatred) like the odium theologicum (religious hatred).

Jews know better than most the effects of intolerance, having been it victims countless times in European Diaspora culture. Unfortunately the experience of victimization in times past brings no immunity from the virus itself. Viruses are notoriously difficult to treat and until a cure is found, we will have to be "tolerant of the intolerant."

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Teach your children...

Abraham Joshua Heschel, of blessed memory, the much beloved educator and theologian, once wrote that "the authentic individual is neither an end nor a beginning but a link between the ages, both memory and expectation."

There could not be a more poignant depiction of Rabbi Heschel's observation than the cover of the brochure announcing Holocaust Education Week. We see the outstretched, exposed bare hand and forearm of an obviously older person reaching upwards to grasp the searching hand of an infant. The baby's hand is tiny and perfect. The adult's palm and fingers are wrinkled by age; a concentration camp number is branded on the forearm. Elsewhere on the cover is a phrase from the Shema which attempts to distil the photo into its historical essence: "...and you shall teach your children."

Teaching our children, of course, is the anvil on which those links between the ages are forged. The words of the Shema make this eminently clear: "...and you shall teach your children, and speak of them (the teachings and the laws) when you return to your home, when you go about on your way, when you are at rest and when you rise..." For the Jewish people, teaching is a religious command as well as a ubiquitous national imperative.

To teach our children however, requires that we, ourselves, must first know. It is in this spirit — the spirit of teaching first ourselves, and then our children — that the community provide creative and engaging opportunities for the command to be followed and the imperative to be fulfilled. Holocaust Education Week, which runs from November 4th to 16th, and the Jewish Book Fair from November 13th to the 22nd, are two such opportunities in greater Toronto. The programs offer a wide range of topics, an impressive cast of speakers and educators, and occasion after occasion to hear, to see, to read, to extend our own level of knowledge and to be inspired.

In the embrace of hands, so movingly captured on the brochure, is conveyed one of the sustaining truths of life's magnificent journey from infancy to old age. The joining of hands is also the joining of hearts. And as Rabbi Heschel might have paraphrased, no act could be more authentically Jewish.

Saudi influence

Saudi Arabia, the only country in the world whose name is derived from the royal dynasty which founded it, is supposed to be playing a key role in bankrolling the nascent Palestinian entity which will be comprised of Gaza and Jericho.

The investment of Saudi money among the Palestinians is a welcome development given the oil wealth accumulated by that desert kingdom since 1973 when a massive transfer of monetary reserves derived from petroleum sales made Saudi Arabia one of the richest countries in the world.

Some of that Saudi largesse will now be used to help create an economic infrastructure. Let us hope that the Saudi infusion of funds does not come with strings attached. A hint of the kinds of influence that could adhere to the Saudi money comes in a recent article written by U.S. congressman Chris Smith (R-N.J.) in *The Christian Science Monitor* (Sept. 21).

Smith writes that non-Muslims in Saudi Arabia have been arrested, imprisoned, beaten, lashed and threatened abusively by police authorities responsible for defending Islam. Citing an Amnesty report, Smith indicated that the Saudis have been shrewdly focusing their arrests on non-Western, mostly Asian Christians believing by this gesture to escape the censure of Western governments.

Saudi religious police "regularly break up covert prayer meetings and worship services of Filipino and Korean Christians before arresting believers and their pastors." Smith notes, moreover, that Americans should not be surprised by Saudi intolerance given the treatment of American troops who were stationed in Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War and who were not permitted to worship openly.

Amnesty's documented study of the persecution of non-Muslims in Saudi Arabia may not be surprising but it is a disquieting statement about the mind-set of those who will assume a powerful financial role in rehabilitating the limited Palestinian autonomy in Gaza and Jericho.

The newly emergent Palestinian enclave will need a strong dose of tolerance to service the disparate needs of Christians and Muslims who, it is hoped, will build fraternal bridges with Israel.

The only way that can happen is if Saudi money can be divorced from Saudi religious ethics.

EGYPT HOSTS RABIN, ARAFAT

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak hosts a follow up meeting between Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO leader Yasser Arafat. It was the first meeting following the historic signing of the peace agreement between Israel and the PLO. [RNS/Reuters photo]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

PIPICKS AND LATKES

I was somewhat amused and surprised to read your report that Israel and McDonald's have a controversy about the importation of the potatoes McDonald's specifies for their french fries.

I wonder why they need McDonald's at all. It seems to me that if there is a demand for fast food in Israel, some enterprising Israeli should start a fast food business. Instead of calling it McDonald's, call it Moshe Ginzburg's. A name like that can pass for kosher better than McDonald's.

Instead of a Big Mac, give them a Moshe's Pipick, and instead of french fries, give them Golda's Latkes. To make it more cosmopolitan and attract more of Israel's population, throw in some shish kebab. With the right promotion, a place like that should attract a more inclusive clientele that doesn't care whose potatoes you serve.

So tell me, why do they need McDonald's? If someone can come up with 2 million bucks, I will gladly start a chain of Moshe Ginzburg's for them. All they need to import is me and $2 million.

Sid Cohen
Windsor, Ont.

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DON'T WIPE OUT HISTORY

It seems like the Jewish religion is deeply imbedded in remembrance. Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, Yom Ha'atzmaut, all remembrance days, all very important to the Jewish people.

That is why it surprised me, when I read in *The CJN* (Sept. 29), a quote from the chair of the Canada Israel Committee (CIC), Quebec region, Thomas Hecht stating that the CIC will "strive to take full advantage of the opportunities (the PLO-Israel accords), by establishing linkages with Arab-Canadians to create the image we live for tomorrow and let yesterday be bygones."

What Mr. Hecht was saying is that thousands of years of Jewish history, millions of murdered Jewish souls, are insignificant if an opportunity arises to establish peaceful ties with your enemies. Using this philosophy, all major Jewish holidays should immediately be cancelled, Yad Vashem in Israel and all Holocaust museums should immediately be shut down, all remembrance days should be cancelled, and the Jews should convert themselves into an optimistic group, whose sole concern is what happens tomorrow, and whose main concern is forgetting about what happened yesterday.

The Jewish people, however, cannot conform to what Mr. Hecht would like. The Jewish people cannot live for tomorrow and let yesterday be bygones. The Jewish people are always looking and learning from their past. No Jew should ever forget the Holocaust, and no Jew should ever forget all the Jewish souls lost in five wars with our Arab enemies (yes, they are still our enemies) over 46 years. No Jew should ever forget the Jewish soldiers lost in the wars, and no Jew should forget the thousands of people Yasser Arafat, the chairman of the terrorist PLO, is reponsible for killing.

I cannot share the joy and elation Mr. Hecht and all the other mainstream Jewish groups feel regarding the PLO-Israel accord; I can only feel grief and anxiety. I can only feel as though the State of Israel is betraying the memory of all who died to defend it. By dealing with the PLO, Israel has slapped the face of its dead, and I cannot join in the elation over this desecration.

Many people have told me that I have no right to comment on events in Israel since I do not live there and my son is not on the front line.

But, as Eshter Jungreis has said, it is totally unrealistic to demand that American (and Canadian) Jews lend their financial support and know-how to Israel, but remain deaf, dumb and blind regarding its destiny.

"We must remember that the land of Israel is not the possession of the Jews of Israel alone, but has been granted as an eternal inheritance to all Jews for all time, for all generations, and that is precisely why our Israeli brethren have the right to demand help from us, and we have the obligation to respond to them in the affirmative." (*The Jewish Press*, Sept. 24)

Therefore it is time for the Jews of Canada to speak up, say what you have to say, express your opinions. Don't let the major Jewish organizations speak for you — be an individual and express your individual opinion. If you oppose this PLO-Israel deal, speak up, tell us about it, write letters to the editor, write letters to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, to the Israeli consulate. Don't be silent, for silence is acceptance.

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ROBOT CARDS

The "Days of Awe" have just passed, but I am not in awe of the many New Year greeting cards that I and hundreds of other people receive at this time of the year.

The commercialism is deplorable. Can there be anything meaningful in a card that has the name of the individual or family printed beneath a brief, business-like saying about the New Year.

I am referring to the cards that are ordered through a brochure or via the telephone or fax. There is no personal message to me or to any of the thousands of other people. It is robot-like. Now all one has to do is to get someone to type the address and lick the stamp.

Is this in the true spirit of this holiday or any other holiday? I am not saying that one cannot purchase a colorful card with some meaningful saying appropriate to the individual and add a few words that have special meaning. What is it that we want to say to those who are dear to us?

Automation has no place in a relationship.

Etta Ginsberg-McEwan
Toronto

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TOUCHE

When I read the report in the *Globe and Mail* of Peretz Miransky's death with its egregious errors in the titles of Miransky's books, I tolerantly shrugged my shoulders and thought "Can you expect better? They're nebbekh gentiles — don't expect accuracy in Yiddish from them."

But reading your report I found the *Globe and Mail's* errors repeated letter for letter. Let me list them:

Likht far a Grosh should be Groshen.

Shira Shirot should be reversed: Shirot Shira.

Tsvishn Shnaykhl un Trer should be Tsvishn Shmaykhl un Trer.

Nisht Derzott should be Nisht Derzogt.

How about a little respect for accuracy in Yiddish titles?

Gershon Katz
Toronto

Opinion

Memories came flooding back on October 3

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

I write this column on Oct. 3, a day which brings different kinds of memories to my mind.

First and foremost, of course, is the realization that on this day a few years ago the two modern German states were reunited into one Germany. Communism crumbled and expectations were high that by the one fell stroke of unification the poor would become rich and Communists would become democrats. What has happened since has proven these expectations to be wrong: yesterday's memories do not go away that quickly and living in an open democratic society is something that has to be learned.

But, as a recent visit to Germany showed me once again, the foundations which exist today are sound, and despite all the predictions of the doomsayers, the current serious recession has not turned the country toward thoughts of right-wing, salvational "leaders."

What a recent election in the city state of Hamburg shows is, instead, parallel to what happens in many of the western countries and is likely to happen in Canada as well: a disenchantment with traditional politics, promises, and prevarication. In Hamburg, the traditional parties received a serious setback and the "Greens" once more showed that they can attract a lot of disgruntled voters. The party emphasizes strong environmental concerns and generally advocates the need for doing the unpopular from time to time. While the major parties lost, the Greens doubled their adherents. Most fascinating was the rise of a brand new party, called imaginatively the "Instead Party." Their appeal was simply this: "If you don't like any of the old parties, vote for us instead. We are going to do things in a new, simpler and more honorable way."

Rabbi Plaut

What happened to the right-wing nationalists? They failed to pass the minimum five percent voter support and received no seats at all. The likelihood is that the Social Democrats who were in power heretofore will make an alliance with the Greens and continue in power.

Oct. 3 brings additional considerations to mind. Fifty years ago, at the height of World War II and the dominance of the Nazi party, a number of German scientists assembled in the Baltic seaport of Peenemuende and began testing a new rocket. It was the A-4, precursor to the V-2 which was the first rocket-propelled bomb ever created. It was the weapon, Hitler hoped, that would eventually bring victory to the Reich.

A year ago, German scientists together with the Association of Aviation and Equipment Industries, planned to hold a 50-year commemoration of the first Peenemuende tests, but massive public protests prevented them from carrying out their plans.

This whole episode evokes personal memories as well. For when 50 years ago the tests of the new bomb were successful, the Nazis made plans for its mass production and use in the war. The place they picked was near the town of Nordhausen, in Thuringia. Deep in the belly of the Harz mountains a factory was hewn out, and in the months to follow seven million foreign forced laborers participated in its construction and, when the actual production began, some 500,000 concentration camp inmates did the dirty work. In order to prevent a leak of their secret work, they were kept in camp above ground and were starved to death. When they died their bodies were burnt and new concentration camp prisoners took their place.

This was the Dora camp upon which my division came in early April, 1945. All of us saw for the first time what the Nazis had wrought: thousands of dead bodies lying about and the same number of half alive skeletons, few of whom were strong enough to even walk.

So much for writing a column on Oct. 3.

Israeli-PLO document gives rise to 'cautious optimism'

By WILLIAM BILEK

A Declaration of Principles has been signed between the Government of Israel, and the PLO. The general consensus of political and media commentators on this most unexpected turn of events has been one of cautious optimism. The optimism arises from the fact that two bitter antagonists, in a seemingly intractable conflict, have finally "come to their senses." The PLO recognized Israel's right to live in peace and security, and Israel recognized the PLO as the representative of the Palestinian people. Indeed, this is the first such agreement in the area that has not required an arm-twisting intermediary.

But then why the caution? Why the reservations? Has there not been a mutual psychological volte-face that must inexorably lead to peace? And is peace not the goal of all mankind?

It is interesting that this signing occurred on the eve of the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah. In the scripture read on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, the story of Abraham and his sons Isaac and Ishmael is recounted. The story tells that Abraham, ordered by God to listen to his wife Sarah, sent away his concubine Hagar, and the issue of their union, Ishmael. God, seeing Abraham's anguish, assured him that He will make of Ishmael's seed a great nation as well. According to the Torah, then, two great nations would share in the bounty of the earth. This is a tenet of both the Jewish and Muslim faiths.

When, after 2,000 years of dispersion, the Jewish nation returned to its homeland, wishing to share it, they were rebuffed. Had the Palestinians so chosen, they could have had much more in 1947 than they have accepted now. Had they not drawn up their uncompromising Charter in 1964, calling for nothing less than Israel's extinction, they might have found a partner for discussion much earlier. Had they, again, not refused to countenance a Jewish sovereign existence when they issued, with the rest of the Arab world, the three "No's" of Khartoum in 1967, they might have accomplished much more than they have accepted today. Ditto for their rejection of the Camp David Accords, in 1979.

Israel, for its part, refused to recognize, or negotiate with an enemy whose clearly expressed, and singular goal was the eradication of the Jewish State. And therein lies the caution.

Yasser Arafat, in the name of his organization, has clearly and loudly renounced terror and violence, recognized the right of Israel to exist in peace and security, clearly accepted Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 as the basis for negotiations, and has committed the PLO to delete all items or articles in its Covenant calling for the destruction of Israel. This therefore, is no longer a terrorist organization, but a new political organization with which the current Government of Israel felt it must negotiate. The government foresaw dividends in an agreement with the Palestinians that would break the existing logjam of confrontation with the European community and most of the non-frontline Arab states.

A significant portion of the Israeli populace, however, fears that its security will be compromised. There are also a myriad of unanswered questions. Can the leopard in Arafat really change its spots? And, in the event that it can, do Arafat and the PLO truly represent the overwhelming majority of Palestinians as they have always claimed? Will the PLO be able to deliver on its promises of security for the Jewish State? What of the role of Iran, Libya, Sudan, and their fanatic pawns Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and Hezbollah? What will be the effect on the stability of Jordan when it finds that Arafat, having taken the initiative, now invites the Hashemite Kingdom into a Confederation where it would become obvious that Jordan is, indeed an already-existing Palestinian state in all but name?

So many doubts! No guarantees! Should the gamble fail, what price will the Israeli people then be called upon to ensure their survival At the very least, it will mean the spilling of more of the precious blood of their youth. The risk is immense. The gamble won may save countless lives, and open a new era of prosperity for all in the area. The gamble lost, is practically unthinkable.

But as in all matters pertaining to defence and security, it is for the people of Israel to decide, through their democratically elected government. That government must, in turn, ensure that it does, indeed, have the support of the electorate behind it. To the rest of those expressing hope and goodwill, the task falls to take all possible steps . . . moral, psychological, and financial, to ensure that the fruits of peace outweigh the temptations of religious and nationalistic fanaticism.

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Children (and parents) do say the darndest things

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

I hear myself, and I sound like the stereotype of a 1950s mom. Or worse.

I employ phrases I swore I'd never use, including "When I was your age" and "because I said so." These days, both sound perfectly logical to me, under the right circumstances.

Beyond that, I find myself saying things to my children that I would never say to an adult ... at least, not on purpose. I admit that I have turned to a car full of grown women, many of them with graduate degrees, and chirped; "Okey-dokey now, let's all buckle, buckle, buckle." I was mortified, but I say that to my kids all the time without even a blush. I'm sure a more straightforward, "Let's buckle our seat belts" would do, but it doesn't have that mom-cadence.

I guess we all ask questions of children or make statements to them that we'd never say to an adult. Like what? Well, like these:

— "Everybody run to the potty, right now, or we're not going anywhere."

— "If you don't take that look off your face, you won't get dessert."

— "If everybody else jumped off a cliff, would you?"

And, of course, there is the infamous, "Just wait until your father gets home." (At which time, of course, recalcitrant kiddies are the last thing he wants to hear about. What he wants to hear about is a cold beer.)

On the other hand (and in my own faint defence), the children say things that no adult would ever utter. Such as:

Erica Meyer Rauzin

— "I can't eat this from this plate because the peas are touching the rice."

— "It's still daylight outside, so I can't go to sleep."

— "If I have to wear those awful socks to school I'll die, I'll just die."

— And don't forget every child's favorite challenge: "Sam's Mom said that show was okay. You're the only Mom in the whole world who doesn't let her kids watch it."

Sure I am.

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Several interesting books, such as *You Just Don't Understand* by Deborah Tannen, explain that men and women talk different, coded languages, but few authors have noted that adults and children have a similar language gap.

When an adult says "We'll see," the adult means "no." When a child hears "We'll see," the child hears, "yes."

When a child says, "Maybe I have homework," the child has homework. However, when an adult says, "Maybe you'll have time for a bike ride after dinner," the adult means, "You will not have time for a bike ride after dinner."

When a child says, "You are not my friend any more, forever," the child means, "I am very angry at you and will stay angry about five minutes." On the other hand, when an adult says, "You are grounded forever," the adult means, "You are gounded until I need you to run an errand for me, or until I forget about it, which ever comes first."

When an adult says, "Ask me about going to the movies after Shabbat," the adult means, "By the time Shabbat is over, you will have to remind me that you want to go to the movies." But when a child hears an adult say, "Ask me about going to the movies after Shabbat," the child hears, "We are going to the movies after Shabbat." What's more, he deems it a promise.

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Several intrinsic character traits cause this language gap between children and adults. First of all, children focus on just one thing at a time, while adults focus on several things at once. Secondly, children live entirely in the present, while adults can only get along by balancing the immediate with the pending demands of the near future.

Based on one key factor, I figure we can blame the language gap on the kids. It's their fault because they listen selectively. Children only hear what they want to hear, and not a bit more.

Of course, adults never do that . . . do we?

It is not the seas that divide the peoples,
but the peoples that divide the seas

Sholom Aleichem, 1902

Features

Anti-Semitism in Canada examined

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Vandals spray-paint anti-Jewish slogans on the walls and doors of Beth Avraham Yoseph congregation in Thornhill, Ontario.

Seven synagogues in Montreal are painted with red swastikas.

A Toronto television personality slurs Jews on her talk show.

Jim Keegstra, a former Alberta teacher who taught students that Jews are conspiring to destroy Christianity and create a new world government based in Israel, is fined $3,000 after being found guilty of wilfully promoting hatred against Jews.

The Canadian Jewish Congress urges the Ontario government to lay fresh criminal charges against neo-Nazi propagandist Ernst Zundel after the Supreme Court of Canada overturns his conviction of spreading "false news" — denying the Holocaust.

The aforementioned events are of fairly recent vintage. Let's face it. There is no shortage of anti-Semitism, or anti-Semites, here — which is precisely why a book like *Anti-Semitism in Canada* (Wilfred Laurier University Press, $24.95 paperback) is so timely.

Advertised as the first collection of scholarly essays on anti-Semitism in this country, it examines this pathological phenomenon from the colonial era to the present day. But it isn't the last word on the subject, as Alan Davies, the editor, concedes. The Atlantic provinces are omitted, while Saskatchewan, Manitoba and British Columbia do not receive "equal treatment."

This disclaimer notwithstanding, *Anti-Semitism in Canada* is well worth reading. In the absence of a comprehensive, single-volume book on the topic, it fills in the gap competently.

Richard Menkis of the University of British Columbia leads off with an essay entitled Anti-Semitism and Anti-Judaism in Pre-Confederation Canada.

He reminds us that the first European settlers in what is now Canada brought with them a panoply of negative assumptions about Jews, and that the one attempt by a professing Jew (Esther Brandeau) to remain in New France was rebuffed.

Menkis dwells at length on the early 19th century Ezekiel Hart affair, in which the scion of a pioneer Jewish family in Trois-Rivieres was denied his rightful seat in Lower Canada's legislative assembly because he had not taken his oath "on the true faith of a Christian."

As well, he discusses the endemic theological anti-Judaism of that era, and finds that credit-rating organizations regularly smeared Jewish businesssmen.

Michael Brown of York University examines the persistence of anti-Semitism among French-Canadians from Confederation to World War I.

Since few francophones had first-hand contact with Jews, their notions of Jews were deformed. Jews were entangled in Anglo-French battles, invariably finding themselves on the English side of whatever dispute was raging. As a result, they were convenient targets of rabble-rousers.

Probably the most citified of immigrant groups, Jews exemplified the so-called urban threat to traditional French-Canadian rural values. It's not surprising, he suggests, that the French-Canadian press demonized Alfred Dreyfus, the Jewish officer in the French army falsely accused of spying for Germany.

Gerald Tulchinksy of Queen's University paints a chilling portrait of Goldwin Smith, one of Canada's leading intellectuals until his death in 1910.

Tulchinsky notes that some of Canada's best-known historians have greatly downplayed Smith's anti-Semitism, despite his blatant preoccupation with Jews. A flaming liberal with regard to free trade, colonial emancipation and other burning issues of the day, Smith disliked Jews with a passion.

Jews, he wrote with venom, were "primeval and tribal" because they resisted "the sun of modern civilization." Smith was particularly obsessed with Jewish financiers who, he claimed, were exploiters and extortionists.

For Smith, there were only two possible solutions to the Jewish problem — repatriation or total assimilation.

Phyllis Senese of the University of Victoria contributes an essay on the reaction of Western Canada's press to the Dreyfus affair.

Briefly stated, she argues that editorialists who fiercely denounced Dreyfus' persecution were not really defending Jews, but condemning a Catholic and French society.

"As they embraced Dreyfus as the innocent victim of French Catholic hatred, the Western editors repeated routinely the anti-Semitic canards that were circulating widely in Europe and America."

Stephen Speisman, the archivist of the Toronto Jewish Congress, looks at anti-Semitism in mid- 20th century Ontario. He recapitulates the brazen Judeophobia of the Toronto press after 1900 and the existence of widespread discriminatory employment practices. He exposes the sneering stereotypes which bedevilled Jews and the restrictive covenants which kept them out of many residential neighborhoods.

Before World War II, he observes, anti-Jewish discrimination was considered "acceptable and natural" by the general population.

Pierre Anctil of McGill University deals with Jewish-Christian relations in Quebec from 1919-39. He recreates McGill's imposition of a numerus clausus and Notre-Dame Hospital's callow response to an incident in which French-Canadian interns demanded the ouster of a Jewish intern from their ranks.

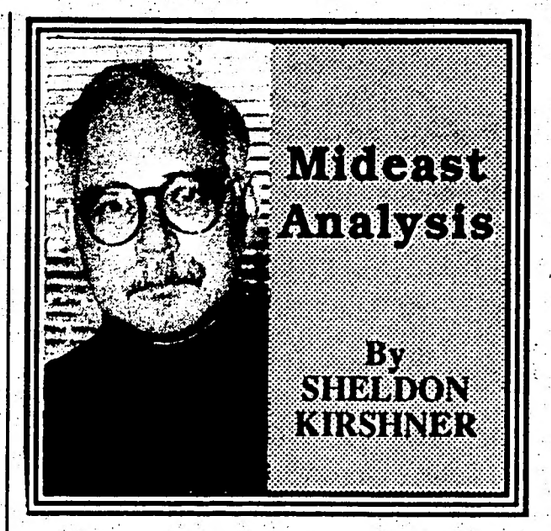
The late Howard Palmer of Calgary University contributes an essay on the Social Credit party's fluctuating attitude to Jews. While C.H. Douglas, its founder, attacked Jews, more recent leaders eschewed anti-Semitism.

Alan Davies of the University of Toronto and Manuel Prutschi of the Canadian Jewish Congress respectively analyse the well-publicized Keegstra and Zundel affairs.

Marilyn Nefsky of the University of Lethbridge examines the response of the Protestant establishment to the rise of Nazism, while Harold Troper (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education) and Morton Weinfeld (McGill) trace the somewhat contentious relationship between Jews and Ukrainians since World War II.

Anti-Semitism in Canada is a most instructive book. It washes away illusions.

Neo-Nazi propagandist Ernst Zundel. [Paul Lungen photo]



The latest books on the Middle East...

It's crystal clear that Saddam Hussein miscalculated grievously when he invaded Kuwait and expected no reaction. In *Desert Shield to Desert Storm* (Routledge, $18.95 U.S.), a fine overview of the 1990-91 Persian Gulf crisis and war, Dilip Hiro makes several telling points. By annexing Kuwait, Iraq increased its oil reserves dramatically and thus challenged Saudi Arabia's dominance, a situation the United States would not tolerate. And by forgetting that the Cold War had ended, Iraq could no longer rely on the Soviet Union's assistance.

In *The Gulf Conflict* (Princeton University Press, $24.95 U.S.), Lawrence Freedman and Efriam Karsh acquit themselves admirably as they analyze that monumental crisis. The authors conclude that if Saddam's timing had been better, and if he had been content with a limited action against Kuwait, he might well have got away with it.

Saddam Speaks on the Gulf Crisis (Syracuse University Press, $14.95 U.S.) is both an analysis of Iraqi policy and a collection of its leader's speeches from February 1990 to February 1991. The speeches reveal Saddam as a man detached from historic reality and viscerally unable to accept Israel's existence. This useful volume is edited by Ofra Bengio of Tel Aviv University.

The Gulf War: Military Lessons Learned (The Center for Strategic & International Studies, no price listed) is a cogent summary of America's strategy in that conflict. Among the conclusions: tactical ballistic missiles will continue to pose a significant threat to U.S. interests.

Iraq's claim to Kuwait as its 19th province was one of the sparks that touched off the test of wills in the Gulf. David Finnie addresses this still little-known issue in *Shifting Lines in the Sand* (Harvard University Press, $29.95), a scholarly account of Iraq's long border dispute with Kuwait.

The complexities of U.S. policy in the Middle East are ably dissected by Howard and Gayle Teicher in *Two Pillars to Desert Storm* (William Morrow, $23). The Teichers argue that Washington erred egregiously in tilting toward Iraq in the pre-1990 period, and that the Arab-Israeli dispute is not the root cause of instability in the region.

Saddam Hussein in retrospect

Israel's increasingly close relationship with the United States is the subject of *U.S.-Israeli Strategic Co-operation in the Post-Cold War Era* (Westview Press, $28.95 U.S.) by Karen Puschel. Puschel's thesis is that strategic co-operation is firmly established only within the context of U.S.-Israeli relations, not within the framework of overall American interests in the Middle East.

Islamic fundamentalism, spearheaded by Iran, is much discussed these days. John Esposito, in *The Islamic Threat* (Oxford University Press, $30.95), a thoughtful survey of this phenomon, maintains that most Islamic movements are not necessarily anti-Western or anti-American. They challenge the status quo, but do not necessarily threaten U.S. interests.

In *Islam and the West* (Oxford University Press, $29.95), Bernard Lewis, a distinguished scholar, fleshes out this theme. It's erudite alright and up to his usual standards, but it's not terribly accessible.

Target America: Terrorism in the U.S. Today (SPI Books, $6.99) is a "quickie" account of the recent World Trade Center bombing in Manhattan. Author Yossef Bodansky claims that it's not an isolated incident, but part of a world-wide holy war declared against the United States, Israel and the West by Iran, Syria, Sudan and Libya.

Has Iran changed since the 1989 death of its spiritual leader, Ayatollah Khomeini? To find out, read Shireen Hunter's *Iran After Khomeini* (Center for Strategic & International Studies, $14.95 U.S.). Hunter believes that Iran is gradually moderating its domestic and foreign policies, but is she right?

Atlas of the Islamic World (Equinox, $45) is a beautifully-produced coffee-table volume laden with readable text and 355 striking maps, photographs and prints. The point of departure of Francis Robinson's sweeping narrative is 1500. You will be all the wiser after reading it.

Fundamentalists funding emigration

By JED SUNDEN

Reminiscent of earlier times, when Eastern European Zionists left the Old World and sailed to Israel, Jews are making aliyah via ships departing from the Black Sea port of Odessa.

But in a strange irony, the Jews immigrating to Israel by boat today are being funded by a fundamentalist Christian organization whose members are committed to "bringing the Jews home to the Promised Land."

Gustav Scheller, a Swiss businessman, first got involved with Soviet Jewish emigration in 1982 when, he says, God called on him "to help the Jews."

He went on to found the Ebenezer Emergency Fund to raise money among Christians to help Jews settle in Israel.

Scheller said the blueprint for his mission came from Isaiah 49:22, in which God is quoted as saying: "I will beckon to the Gentiles" who "will bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their shoulders."

Scheller's organization has raised money in over 30 countries, with the bulk of the money coming from England, Germany and Switzerland, to help over 2,500 Jews travel from the former Soviet Union to Israel.

While the Jewish Agency, responsible for bringing Jews to Israel, prefers to fly immigrants from the former Soviet Union there, the Ebenezer Emergency Fund has publicly stated its goal of bringing 25,000 Jews to Israel by ship.

After three voyages sponsored by the Christian group last year brought over 1,000 Jews to Israel, the fund leased the cruise ship Dmitri Shostakovitch from the Black Sea shipping line to help reach its goal.

The organizers of the fund believe that the ability to carry 550 pounds of personal goods on the boat as opposed to 99 pounds on the charter air flights will encourage Jews to travel by boat.

Optimistically, the Ebenezer Fund has reserved 300 of the 500 beds on each of 40 scheduled sailings.

At the Yunist Health Resort on the outskirts of Odessa, the fund has set up its headquarters and maintains facilities for housing up to 500 potential emigrants at any one time.

Here, roughly 20 Christian volunteers from all over the world spend their time helping Jews leave for Israel and gathering in group prayer meetings.

The volunteers have come to Ukraine to participate in what more than one volunteer called "the final great exodus of the Jews from the "land of the North," referring to Isaiah's prophecy.

Despite the volunteers' deep belief in the righteousness of their mission, many locals, Jewish and non-Jewish, regard them with suspicion.

Alison Browne, a volunteer from England, explained: "Most Ukrainians cannot understand why we, as Christians, would want to help the Jews. They cannot understand that it is our mission.

"Unfortunately, many Jews also distrust us," she said.

In order to gain necessary support from the Israeli government and the local Jewish community, the fund has promised to refrain from any missionary activity among the Jewish passengers.

Still, some fears remain. As a result, the fund has tried to play down its leading role in the operation in the advertisements they run in Jewish papers throughout the former Soviet Union.

However, the number of Jews making use of the fund's services has been quite small this year.

When the first departure of the Dmitri Shostakovitch took place April 1, only 35 emigrants were on board, despite 300 reserved places.

Since then, the number of emigrants has dropped even further.

Many people in the organization blame the Jewish Agency for failing to publicize their mission.

But the primary reason for the low number of olim getting on the boat is that emigration from the Ukraine to Israel is falling, having dropped to just over 1,000 Jews per month in 1992.

It continues to drop even further in 1993, according to Israeli Embassy statistics.

— *(JTA)*

Rabbinical Reflections

By RABBI GAVRIEL NEWMAN

Al and his wife had settled their two small children into their seats on Flight 7, heading to Miami, Florida. They were looking forward to several days in the warmth, departing as they did from a much colder climate. One hour into flight, all passengers were thrown into shock by the sight of a flight attendant walking towards the cockpit, followed by a man holding a knife to her back. Al looked protectively at his children and wife, a sweat of panic breaking on his face. The attendant and knife-wielder disappeared into the cockpit, terrifying seconds of silence followed, until the captain's voice came through the speakers:

"There is a man on board who wants to fly to Havana. We'd better go his way. Don't worry, everything is OK."

Uneasy silence followed, but Al was relieved that the captain was cooperating.

Then, to Al's complete stupefaction, the 91 skyjacked passengers began to laugh. One by one, the passengers joined in the laughter until the entire plane was filled with sound. So hilarious was their laughter that the skyjacker emerged from the cockpit; he was greeted by applause and more laughter. Al approached a Catholic priest on board and begged him to calm the passengers. The priest laughed uproariously. The passengers continued to laugh until they landed in Havana. Even after being returned to the United States the passengers were laughing because . . .

Because they had recongized Al. Allen Funt.

The passengers believed they were on *Candid Camera*, though they were not. This is the only recorded skyjacking in history which had its victims laughing almost the entire duration of the event.

* * *

This story, coming to us courtesy of Paul Harvey and his "the rest of the story" files, may be an appropriate framework for viewing our times.

A portion of the Israeli populace is rejoicing. Most of world Jewry is rejoicing. President Clinton, Prime Minister Rabin and Chairman Arafat are rejoicing. Yet, a significant portion of the rest of Israel, and world Jewry, are in a cold sweat regarding Israel's fate. How should one view events: Is this a cruise toward peace, or a skyjacking? Those who are rejoicing; are they rejoicing at their redemption or their own entrapment?

An appropriate approach to the matter may have been modelled by G-d at creation. With each day of creativity, G-d beholds, and declares it good. After creating man, however, he is silent. Midrash explains: the pronouncement of mankind, good or bad, will come at the end of time, After G-d beholds people's *behavior*, and declares his judgement.

It is too early to judge the pact signed by Rabin and Arafat. We do have criteria by which it must be judged, however, and these should be carefully and punctiliously applied every day. The pact is as good as the promises of its signees, and we must hold them to these promises, if we hope to behold good.

Arafat promised that violence and terror would decrease. We must demand to see this result. If it does not occur, we have signed either with one not strong enough to deliver on his promises, or with one not committed. In either case, we must be willing to walk away.

Rabin promised that the integrity of Jerusalem would remain intact; that the settlements would not be dismantled and the settlers would be protected; and that the security of Israel would not be compromised or relinquished. We must hold him to his word, as well.

Certainly, all of us hope that we have commenced a journey towards peaceful co-existence. We dare not, however, allow the optimistic hopes of our hearts and the pining of our eyes take hostage of our preception of reality. To protect ourselves from our own eagerness, we must apply the criteria strictly. And be willing, if necessary, to withdraw from a process that causes injury, rather than benefit. Better this than to reach destinations we did not intend, or find ourselves circling the sky, laughing.

(Rabbi Gavriel Newman is spiritual leader of Congregation Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jcob in Montreal.)

Monopoly on marriage challenged

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Reform and Conservative movements are joining forces to challenge the monopoly of Israel's Orthodox rabbinate to perform marriages.

The movements' leaders announced last week they will perform marriages that are outside the auspices of the Chief Rabbinate.

While they already do so in individual cases, the announcement represents what the movements say is the first measure in an accelerated campaign to change Israel's matrimony laws.

They also acknowledge that the struggle against one of the state's legal underpinnings will be difficult.

"We certainly know there's going to be a long fight," said Pinhas Vardin, president of the Conservative movement in Israel. "But if we managed to sit down with Yasser Arafat, then anything is possible."

The Orthodox monopoly perpetuates a denial of basic human rights and of religious freedom, charged Rabbi Uri Regev, head of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism.

Israel's Interior Ministry does not recognize Jewish marriages performed in Israel unless they are conducted under the auspices of the Chief Rabbinate or of the fervently Orthodox.

Civil marriages, as well as non-Orthodox Jewish ones, are recognized only if they are performed abroad.

To marry, countless non-Orthodox couples, the majority of Israel's population, must adhere to certain Orthodox traditions and rituals. These include determining a wedding date based on the bride's menstrual cycle, classes on religious purity laws, a visit to the ritual bath and a traditional delineation of gender roles in the ceremony and marriage contract, the ketubah.

The Reform and Conservative movements said that in the last six months they have had about 150 requests for their ceremonies.

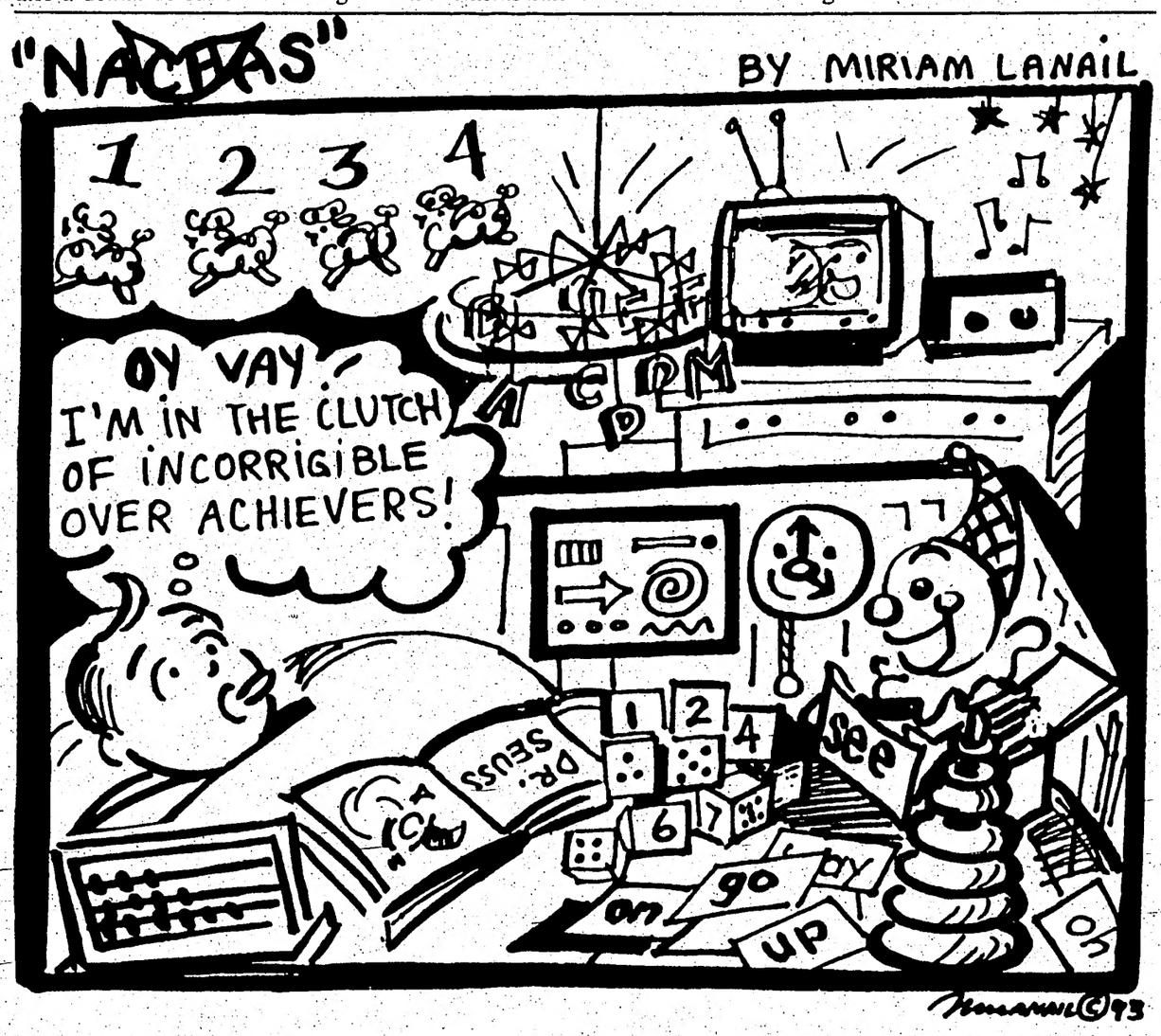
Some couples are drawn to their alternatives, they said, because they are forbidden by the Orthodox to marry, such as a Kohen, a member of the priestly class, and a divorcee.

An Orthodox marriage is also off-limits to an increasing number of immigrants from the former Soviet Union, many of whom are not considered Jewish by the Orthodox.

But most are drawn by the desire for a more modern and meaningful ceremony, they said.

"There are a growing number of young people with no (technical) difficulty in getting married at the rabbinate," said Vardin. "But they don't feel they are part of the ceremony and they want the feeling that it" belongs to them.

They are drawn to the two other movements, he said, "by the feeling that they are involved, even in writing the ketubah."



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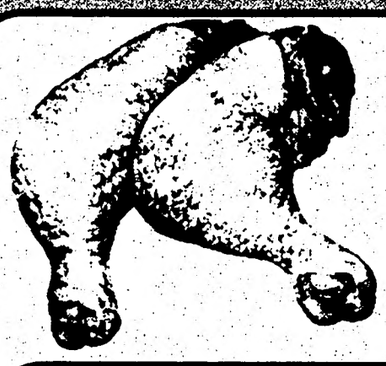

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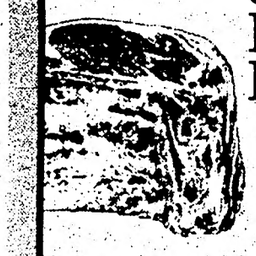

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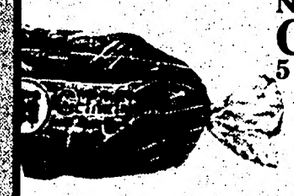

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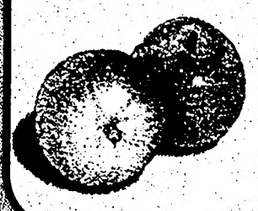

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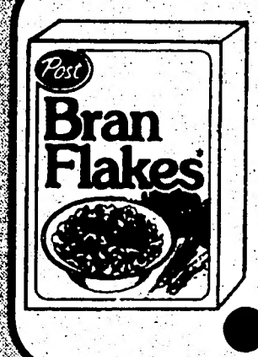

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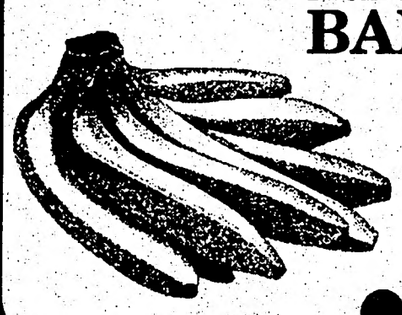

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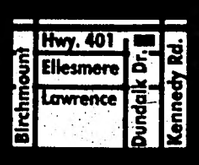

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Organizations and People

Holocaust deniers crackdown said necessary despite 'price'

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Holocaust deniers and hate line operators may garner reams of publicity when they are brought before the courts, "but the price you pay is well worthwhile to bring them to justice."

This is the view of Alan Shefman, director of commmunications and education for the Ontario Human Rights Commission, who spoke recently to the annual meeting of the Toronto Jewish Free Loan Cassa (G'milath Chasodim Association).

"For most racist groups, publicity is their lifeblood," Shefman said. "For self-loathing people the greatest thing is to be on the 11 o'clock news."

Security at Toronto Jewish cemeteries is being strengthened considerably at this time of year, he said, not only because of possible racist action, but because of the possibility of damage by drunks and vandals.

He advised anyone who finds anti-Semitic graffiti or slogans on Jewish property "to get rid of it fast" before it lands on the front page. "They (racists) love to see their art work."

Racists are emboldened these days, Shefman said, noting that Wolfgang Droege, head of the Heritage Front, "was even bold enough to attend an anti-racist meeting and ask questions from the floor."

There are links between small groups of racists in Canada and larger, better organized groups in the United States. "These linkages exist in Toronto, the main difference being the degree of violence, and even that is changing."

The Society has a total of $1,170,000 out in interest-free loans to 335 clients, reported treasurer David Sefton, 194 being personal loans, 54 educational loans and 87 business loans. By far the largest number of borrowers is from the former Soviet Union. The recession is resulting in borrowers asking for extra time to pay back their loans.

Nathan Disenhouse, the new president, said the Society hopes to increase its capital fund to $1.5 million.

A special award was presented to Jack Zippan, a volunteer for 38 years, by the Society's new secretary, Brahm Seitz.

Zippan was a volunteer who visited applicants for loans. "Brahm and I would never say no, whether they needed it or not," said Zippan.

Lorne Goldfarb was the first recipient of a scholarship award by the accounting firm of Griff, Harendorf, Lebane and Hoffman. It was presented by Maurice Moss. A presentation was also made to outgoing president Alan Mostyn.

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Minority groups working together

By MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA — Twenty-five percent of the population of the core municipalities of Greater Victoria are first-generation Canadians, with 20 percent of the people living here coming from non English-speaking cultures, according to the Inter-Cultural Association (ICA) of Greater Victoria. Over 18 percent of the populations of Victoria proper and suburban Saanich are visible minorities.

"Improved understanding between people is one of the cornerstones of ICA," says the organization's annual report, released recently at the annual meeting held in the Jewish Community Centre.

ICA is a coalition of 34 ethnic groups. The Jewish connection is through the Ezrah Community Association, the founding parent of the Jewish Community Centre.

The organization's multicultural program includes workshops in intercultural communications, race relations and multicultural conflict management "to encourage awareness among individuals from all cultures," says the report.

"Community development programs address the need for resources and services among immigrants and refugees throughout Greater Victoria." More than 200 interpreters and translators help make connections in over 60 languages.

The report notes that ICA has actively supported the formation of the area's race relations committee.

One of the major projects of ICA is the annual folkfest, held over the Canada Day week. More than 100,000 people attended the 1993 folkfest, which featured kiosks selling ethnic foods, as well as 52 performing groups.

The Jewish kiosk is always a favorite with the crowds and has introduced Victorians to such delicacies as matzah ball soup, potato knishes, cream cheese and lox on a bagel, and blintzes. The Jewish kiosk is operated by Ezrah and the JCC and most of the food is prepared by volunteers in the JCC kitchen.

The ICA report states that all its programs rely heavily on volunteers who help with settlement, teach English as a Second Language classes and act as speakers, community representatives and translators. It is estimated that ICA has been supported by 2,236 volunteers who worked a total of 98,236 hours. "At labor-market pay rates this is a donation of $1,170,690 to the organization," says the report.

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The light of our eyes, the source of our strength, torn away from us suddenly on Yom Kippur 5754 (September 25, 1993). In spite of much suffering and hardships, lived a life of dignity and hope with a youthful, courageous and cheerful spirit, loved and admired by all. She inspired us all with her rich source of Yiddish folklore, songs, sayings and stories.

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Camp Ogama alumni invited to reunion

TORONTO — Attention Camp Ogama alumni.

The popular Ontario summer camp, where most campers and staff were Jewish, is having a reunion Sunday, Nov. 7 at the Le Parc Hotel, 8432 Leslie St. (at Highway 7) in Thornhill.

The bash will run from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and is expected to attract former Ogama campers from across Canada and the United States.

The privately-owned camp was located on Fox Lake near Huntsville and operated from 1947 to 1970. It later became Camp Winnebagoe.

Those who attended the camp included businessman Mickey Cohen, former UN ambassador Stephen Lewis and civil rights lawyer Alan Borovoy.

The reunion will feature camp memorabilia, a 30-page souvenir booklet, a slide show and entertainment.

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Lorri Kushnir

Lorri's link to UJA started 5 years ago. But they were really solidified during a 1991 mission to Israel, which she calls "a pivotal moment in my life." The trip created contacts and friendships that remain today. More importantly, it crystallized her commitment.

Lorri has co-chaired the lawyer's division, and is handling some major gifts projects this year. She's also a members of the pledge redemption committee.

When she's not giving her time to UJA, Lorri practises corporate law, with a particular emphasis on health care.

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Organizations and People

Vancouver CJA campaign takes aim at $6 million goal

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER — The Vancouver Federation-Combined Jewish Appeal (CJA) got under way on Oct. 3 with a "long- term" goal of $6 million.

Co-chairs Howard Karby and Hilary Benson stress that at least $6 million is required "to allow our communal agencies to have reasonable resources to provide the services we need and want, and to continue our strong support for Israel and for Jewish survival throughout the world."

They admit that the goal may not be achieved in the current campaign but the amount should be an ultimate goal for the future.

"Historically," say the co-chairs, "six million has symbolized our tragedy as [a] People; today it must reflect our hope as a community."

In a message published in the Federation magazine, Karby and Benson state that in addition to doing its duty in raising funds for overseas needs, the Vancouver community must provide quality Jewish day school education, regardless of one's ability to pay; programs for adolescents and teenagers which transmit Jewish values; outreach activities to welcome young adults, single and married, into the community; nurturing environments for the disabled, seniors and new immigrants; places where Jews, young and old, can come to be together; and a vibrant and diverse Jewish cultural environment that can enrich all members of the community.

"None of these, in isolation, makes a community," says the message. "We know what we need to be is a kehillah (an organized community). But knowing can only be translated into doing with funds, raised by the CJA. Raising the money to secure our future is a task that rests on the shoulders of all of us."

The message goes on to say that because of Vancouver's "unique and compelling lifestyle, there is the very real possibility that our children and grandchildren will choose to live here. If we want them to be Jewish, to maintain Jewish values and be part of a Jewish community, then we will each find a way to give generously to our community campaign . . . Together, as a community, we can touch tomorrow."

Drew Staffenberg, executive director of the Federation, points out that the current Jewish year, 5754, is a shmitta year, the conclusion of a seven-year cycle prescribed in the Torah as a year of rest. "Not rest and do nothing," he says, "but rather rest, a change from the previous years, a time to reflect, take stock, to reinvigorate ourselves.

"This year also marks the seventh year of the Federation. We have tilled the land, planted our crops and sowed our harvest. It is now the time to take stock of our community and decide what new crops should be planted for the next seven-year cycle."

As the new year begins, says Staffenberg, "we will take a look at our future. We will begin to train a new corps as 64 young people begin a two-year leadership development program. Current leadership will set communal directions through a Council of Presidents."

Staffenberg declares that "this is a year to take major steps toward ensuring that our children have a Jewish community to grow up in and return to after university. Vancouver is the growth community of Canada and we must put into place a community structure to serve expanded needs in an expanded geographical area. We are in a time of reflection, regrouping and commitment."

To learn about the "massive changes that are shaping our Homeland," the Federation is sponsoring its annual mission to Israel in May. "Experience our history and see first hand the shaping of our future," urges the Federation.

Yeshiva U president to address dinner

TORONTO — The Canadian Friends of Yeshiva University is sponsoring a dinner on Oct. 25, in tribute to the many university alumni in Canada and in support of a scholarship program at the university for students from the Toronto area, national president Gershon Stern has announced.

The event will take place at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

Yeshiva University president Dr. Norman Lamm will be the keynote speaker.

A special presentation will be made to Joseph Kerzner,treasurer of the Board of Directors of the University's Sy Syms School of Business, in recognition of his establishment of the Sarah Rivka Kerzner Scholarship Program at the university's Stern College for Women in memory of his mother.

Serving as dinner co-chairs are Toronto communal leaders Philip Beinhaker and Kurt Rothschild.

The Canadian Friends of Yeshiva University was founded by Canadian supporters of the 107 year old institution to encourage and assist Canadian students, who have always comprised the largest group of foreign students at the university. Currently, there are 108 Canadian students attending the university's 16 undergraduate, graduate, and professional schools and affiliates.

"Our alumni serve as rabbis in major pulpits in Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, Halifax, London, Hamilton, Kitchener, Calgary, Edmonton, Ottawa, and other areas; as administrators and educators in every major Jewish day school and high school; and as social workers in hospitals and Jewish agencies throughout the nation."

Leading Jewish educators

He noted that in Toronto five university alumni serve as spiritual leaders of congregations and eight alumni are among the area's leading Jewish educators and administrators.

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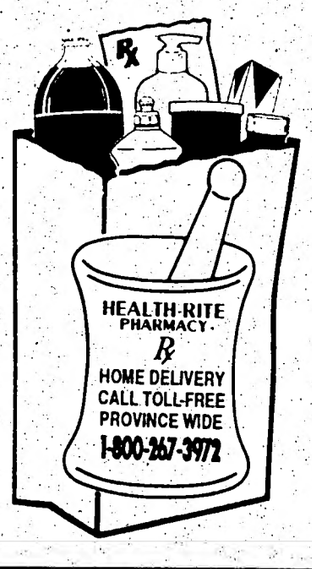

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Candidates tout job creation plans

ELECTION WATCH '93

Heather Sinclair

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO — The economy and its implications head the list of concerns of the candidates in the riding of York North.

York North, the most populous riding in Canada, takes in Aurora, much of Richmond Hill, Woodbridge, and the heavily Jewish Thornhill. Since 1988, it has been represented in Ottawa by Liberal Maurizio Bevilacqua, who is once more standing for office.

Bevilacqua has been associate youth critic, youth critic and employment critic. He also chaired the national task force on youth, the recommendations of which became part of the Liberal party platform.

Other candidates are Conservative Dario D'Angela, a Woodbridge accountant; New Democratic Party candidate Peter DeVita, a Richmond Hill engineer; Reform Heather Sinclair, who has served on the York Region school board and social planning council for some years; and National Party Benjamin Kestein, a retired salesman and consultant.

Also running are independent candidate Gabrial Zichermann; Natural Law candidate Wayne Foster and Libertarian Robert Ede.

Dario D'Angela

Small business is seen as the catalyst for job creation by Bevilacqua, Sinclair, D'Angela and Kestein.

"We have lived through nine years of hands-off government in this area, and we have 400,000 unemployed, while 300,000 jobs are going begging because there are not the skilled workers to fill them. Something is wrong," says Bevilacqua.

He points to the Liberal jobs creation plan, their National Apprenticeship Training Plan, in co-operation with other levels of government and the private sector, and a Canadian Youth Service as starting points. He also suggests that the banks offer easier lending rates.

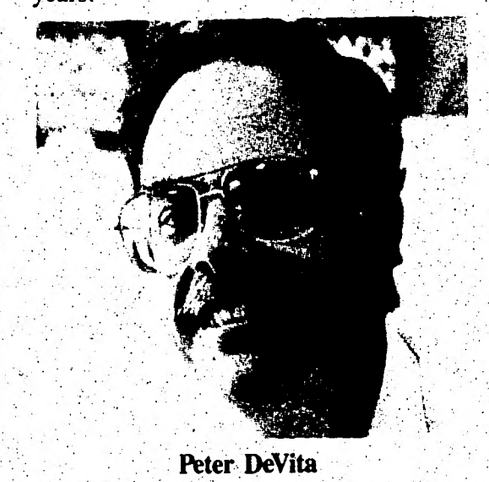
D'Angela, admitting "there are certain things I might have done differently" about the economy, sees some signs of the recession ending in increased purchase of new homes and low interest rates.

"It is our primary responsibility to bring the deficit under control," he asserts, while agreeing that small business should be helped by tax incentives.

Sinclair believes that deficit reduction is the first priority. This will, she says, attract private investment, stimulate a free economy, and, in turn, create jobs.

Business would be much better off if there was less government regulation and interference, she said, charging that now the government structure is fourteen times the size of private industry.

The NDP, like the Liberals, have a jobs creation plan. Theirs, however, according to DeVita will work, since it was devised through careful research and study and the intelligent use of computer technology and analysis. Through a combination of federal, provincial and municipal assistance, 500,000 jobs can be created over five years.



Peter DeVita

Kestein and the National Party concur that an apprenticeship program is essential. He proposes "taking a leaf out of [U.S. President] F.D.R's book." Government should begin programs in such areas as sewage and water treatment plants, roads, and environmental tasks. "This will lead to spinoffs in related industries, such as concrete block manufacturing."

The National Party is the strongest voice against Free Trade, stating unequivocally that it must be scrapped. Bevilacqua supports renegotiation.

D'Angela believes that Canadian workers and methods and technologies can hold their own against all comers, including Mexico. All candidates support increased trade with Israel, Bevilacqua going so far as to support a free trade deal between Canada and Israel.

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Bergson runs on National slate

ELECTION WATCH '93

By FRANCES KRAFT

Sheldon Bergson

TORONTO — Sheldon Bergson, 24, says his goal is not to be a great politician but rather to be a great public representative.

The York University student, who has a bachelor's degree in biology and is now working on an undergraduate degree in psychology, has entered the election race as a National Party of Canada candidate for Markham-Whitchurch-Stouffville riding. (For information on other Markham candidates, see *CJN*, Sept. 29.)

Bergson said his experience in student politics at York and the sense of national pride he felt after six months in Australia last year contributed to his candidacy. The National Party's main concern is getting people back to work, Bergson told *The CJN*. Small- and medium-sized businesses would receive start-up funding, he said.

Bergson would also like to see an end to "the outflow of money from RRSPs and pension plans. Up to 20 percent can be invested outside of Canada. We feel that should be reduced back to zero."

Bergson explained that while a foreign rate of return may be attractive, a decrease in the amount of money circulating in Canada can result in increased taxes. "It's all interrelated. People tend not to keep that in mind."

Bergson and his party strongly oppose the North American Free Trade Agreement because of the number of Canadian jobs that have "gone south." He said he would like to see "balanced trade."

He is in favor of Canada facilitating peace talks in the Middle East, and is strongly opposed to arms sales. He pointed out that the National Party does not accept corporate donations, as they tend to have undue influence.

As a Jew, he finds territorial compromise "a very difficult issue."

He strongly favors continued investigation and prosecution of Nazi war criminals. "I don't believe justice should be based on a deadline," he said.

Bergson believes Canada has appropriate laws to deal with racial hatred "if they're enforced." He sees racial hatred as more of an education issue than a legal one. "A lot of anger stems from fear and ignorance."

Bergson is satisfied with current levels of immigration. He takes issue with those who blame immigrants for unemployment. "Canada has 250,000 immigrants per year and there are about two million people out of work, so obviously not every immigrant is taking every job."

He is in favor of government funding for multiculturalism. A proponent of nation-wide bilingualism and a united Canada, Bergson explained, "We do believe [Quebec's] distinct culture should be maintained, but not that it should give them more power on things that don't relate to culture."

Eban to share his insights

TORONTO — Israel's first ambassador to the United Nations and former ambassador to the United States has been described as one of the greatest voices of Israel (*CJN* Oct. 14).

Now Abba Eban will share his insights and opinions when he appears at the Jewish Book Fair on Sunday, Nov. 14 at 8 p.m.

Eban, author of *Personal Witness: Israel Through My Eyes* will also discuss his views on Zionism, the relationship between Israelis and Arabs and the Middle East peace process.

Tickets for this lecture, which cost $12.50, are available at the Book Fair office, 2nd floor, Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., or by calling 631-5668.

Israeli mathematician lectures in Vietnam

HAIFA — Prof. Jonathan Golan, of the University of Haifa's Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, returned recently from Hanoi. He is the first Israeli scientist to receive an official invitation from Vietnam.

The American-born professor delivered two lectures at a math conference sponsored by The Institute of Mathematics, in Hanoi. One lecture, he explained, was a general lecture for the members of the institute, the other was a very specific and very technical lecture that he presented to his fellow algebraists on Noncommunitive Ring Theory, an abstract form of algebra that has important theoretical value and can also be applied to computers and other forms of math.

But why would Vietnam invite an Israeli mathematician? Golan explained, "Israel happens to be very good at Module Ring Theory and has [acquired] a name all over the world. This country's scientific community gets many invitations to international conferences.

When asked how he views this "first" with regard to the future, Golan applied, "Good academic relations lead to good diplomatic, political, and economic relations — especially trade." He continued, "Israel and Vietnam have recently established good scientific relations. In fact there are some Vietnamese doctors in Israel right now studying public health techniques. And Vietnam has proven to be a relatively good market for tomograph (brain-scan) machines that Israel produces."

Golan established his ties to Vietnam through various math conferences at which he met Vietnamese mathematicians. One in particular is Prof. Nguyn Viet Dung, whom Golan met in 1990 at a conference in Japan. According to Golan, Dung, 33, is "an up-and-coming international star" in the field of modules over rings.

"While I was in Vietnam," he said, "Dung and I sat down together and discussed future joint projects, research, and an article that we hope to complete together, if he can come to Israel sometime this year."

Golan went on to add, "I would really like to bring Dung here for two weeks to lecture, research and finish this article, but at this time I have only raised enough money for his expenses once he is here, and Dung doesn't have any money for travel."

With regard to the Israel/Vietnam connection, he added, "Cultivating scientific relations can lead to many other things. With the U.S. embargo being lifted, Vietnam will be able to get loans from the World Bank and begin to strengthen their economy. Vietnam, along with many other Asian countries, would like to establish a strong scientific centre, and as their economic situation improves, the past relations and knowledge of what Israel has to offer will make the difference in whether they buy from France, the United States or Israel."

Golan is confident that this "first" will lead to a mutually beneficial future between Israel and Vietnam, as well as other Asian countries.

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Liberal MP Gray runs hard to maintain hold on riding

ELECTION WATCH '93

By PAUL LUNGEN

Herb Gray

Dan Friesen

TORONTO — Though he has represented Windsor West continuously since 1962, Herb Gray is taking nothing for granted in his bid for re-election to yet another term in office.

Rising at 4:30 every morning, by 5:15 he is outside the riding's factory gates, ready to greet the morning shift as it heads to work.

The Liberal Party's finance critic, Gray believes that in Windsor West, as in other parts the country, jobs and the economy are the overriding issues facing the electorate. A vote for the Liberals is the best way to get rid of the Tories and put the country's finances in good order, he says.

People heading to work are fed up with both the Conservatives and the New Democrats, he said in a telephone interview. "I sense a serious meltdown of NDP support."

Emily Carasco, the NDP candidate in the riding, has also made economic issues the focus of her campaign. She believes the NDP's approach has resonance among the electorate. It advocates the cancellation of the Free Trade Agreement and of NAFTA and it calls for "the need to reclaim our economic sovereignty by making decisions in Ottawa."

Both treaties put too much economic decision-making powers in the hands of U.S.-based multinationals while reducing the effectiveness of the federal government to determine economic policy, she said.

Dan Friesen, the 38-year-old Conservative candidate, repeats the party line on policy issues, but he openly admits he's not in the race to win. Campaigning "is a means to get myself known in the riding," he said. "Gray is nearing the end of his tenure and I want to be ready when he retires."

Like the other candidates, Friesen has made economic issues the focus of his efforts, telling voters that the Tories remain the best party to tackle the deficit.

On the question of immigration, Carasco, a 44-year-old law professor at the University of Windsor, Gray and Friesen are not very far apart.

Immigration, they say, was a key factor in building Canada. Canadians must be reminded that "immigrants have created this country," Carasco said.

"It was unfortunately a negative move" by the Tory government to shift the immigration ministry to the Ministry of Public Security. Immigrants are no more prone to criminal activity than any other group, she said.

The Liberal Party objected to the ministry shift, Gray said. "It sends a signal that the Conservatives consider immigration to be a threat to the country." That's a concept the Liberals reject, he added.

Immigration has been a positive contribution to Canada and levels should remain at about one percent of the population, about where it is now, Gray said.

Potential immigrants investigated

Friesen said the ministry shift does not downgrade the contribution of immigrants, but merely recognizes that the RCMP and CSIS have always investigated potential immigrants. "The problem is one of perceptiom," he said, adding he has no wish to change the current immigration levels.

Gray said the Liberals also opposed the Tories when they moved the multiculturalism department to the larger Heritage Ministry. "I think we have to review the whole matter of restructuring government," he said.

Carasco said it is important for the federal government to "set the tone on multiculturalism and anti-discrimination" issues. The shift of multiculturalism to Heritage was intended to reduce funding for its programs, she suggested.

The federal government, she continued, has a role to play in strengthening societal sanctions against those who foment racially-motivated crimes. Where crimes were racially motivated, the justice system should treat them as distinctive in nature and respond more appropriately with stiffer sanctions, she said.

Under previous Liberal administrations, multicultural programs were oriented towards "better group understanding and the fight against racism," Gray said.

He said that early in a Liberal government, the justice committee of the House should examine the current anti-hate law to see if it is working effectively and whether it should be changed.

Friesen said those who promote hatred should not be able to hide behind the veil of freedom of speech. Because of the lack of case law on the subject, the federal government should develop guidelines for law enforcement officials to clarify what is hate promotion and what could be protected as free speech, he said.

On the question of war crimes prosecutions, Gray questioned the political will of the government to proceed with cases, saying the Liberals have the will to speed up the pace of prosecutions.

Friesen said war crimes prosecution should end only when all suspected war criminals have died. Straying from the policy of the Justice Department, which has made domestic prosecutions its primary approach to war criminals, Friesen said "I think the best way to go is deportation."

Carasco said war crimes prosecution should continue.

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ELECTION WATCH '93

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA — In the last federal election, voters in the Ottawa area, many of them public servants, thumbed their noses at the Conservative government for which they worked. Every riding in the city and immediate suburbs elected a Liberal member of Parliament.

With the polls in early October seeming to favor the Liberals, incumbent Beryl Gaffney, in the suburban community of Nepean, is hoping the rest of the country will follow Ottawa voters this time and bring in a majority Liberal government.

"I really hope it isn't a minority government," she says. "If it's a minority government, no matter who is in power, they will have their hands tied. We would be facing another election within a year."

Of the other main candidates in Nepean, only Reform prospect Gus Klovan would welcome a minority government.

"Every four years we elect a dictator. If they get a majority government, they can do whatever they like," said Klovan. All MPs should have a free vote, he added, so they can represent their constituents and not be forced to vote along party lines.

Though he calls a minority government "democracy in action," NDP candidate Nizam Siddiqui doesn't believe it will work all that well. And he believes no party should be allowed to run for federal seats unless they have candidates in every province. The Bloc Quebecois (BQ) has candidates only in the province of Quebec.

Progressive Conservative candidate Donna Hicks is afraid a minority Liberal government would form a coalition with the BQ.

"I think Kim Campbell is the only chance we have. She is somebody who can stand up to [BQ leader Lucien] Bouchard."

During door to door canvassing, Hicks has found one of the hottest issues for voters, after jobs, is immigration. She said people regard newcomers as a drain on the economy.

"I spend half my time explaining to people the difference between a legal immigrant and an illegal refugee," she said.

Although she has no opinion on the level of immigration that would be appropriate, Hicks thinks her government should review the levels of immigration in light of the current economy.

Gaffney has also noticed an anxiety about immigration among voters.

"They [the voters] don't care who it is, they don't care who is under duress and has to flee their country. They're saying it's their tax dollar and they can't afford it."

During the recession in 1980, she recalled, the Liberal government dropped the level of immigration.

"Maybe we should be looking at that once again. I don't know," she said.

Her government would look at the effect of immigration on the economy. But the first thing a Liberal government would do is separate the departments of Immigration and Public Security. She said that putting the departments together in one super-department has created the impression that all immigrants and refugees are suspect.

Klovan said the country is probably accepting too many immigrants right now. The Reform party believes Canada's immigration policy should be based strictly on economic needs. If, for instance, the country needs carpenters, Canada should accept only the best carpenters as immigrants.

NDP candidate Siddiqui said that in lowering immigration levels, Canada would be "catering to right-wing elements.

"Immigrants don't have to take the blame for the problems of this country. They are caused by the policies and mismanagement of the government."

He pointed out that immigrants create jobs and pay more per family in taxes than a typical Canadian-born family. As for refugees, he said, Third World countries are home to a hundred times the number of refugees Canada accepts.

The Liberal, PC, and NDP candidates all believe Nazi war criminals in Canada should be investigated and prosecuted.

"These people should not be able to sit back and die peacefully," said Siddiqui. "There is no statute of limitations on barbarism."

The Reform party has no official position on Nazi war criminals. However, the party does believe there is a need for reform in the criminal justice system so that victims of crimes, including hate crimes, are better protected.

Gaffney and Hicks agree that the government should review hate crime laws and penalties to see if they are effective.

Siddiqui argues that Canadian laws should be stronger and the government should be more willing to charge people with hate crimes. In Germany, she said, printing hate literature is illegal and presses used for that purpose can be seized by police.

All but the Reform candidate support Canada's multiculturalism policies.

Liberal Gaffney calls it an inexpensive and nice gesture to support minority cultures.

Siddiqui, who wrote the multiculturalism policy for the city of Ottawa, says government multiculturalism policies are about more than "song and dance." He said they promote good race relations.

But Reform's Klovan said his party would scrap the department.

"We spend $30 million a year constantly emphasizing that we're different," he said. "You are Jewish-Canadian, I'm Ukrainian-Canadian. There are no Canadians. There are only hyphenated Canadians. We feel you can't hold the country together with a hyphen."

Palestinian takeover seen

TORONTO — A veteran Israeli journalist is predicting a Palestinian takeover of Jordan.

"The Palestinians have signed a treaty with Israel only because they know they will form a state in Jordan," said Shmuel Segev, the Canadian correspondent for the Israeli daily *Davar*. He was speaking before a UJA audience.

Segev, the former assistant military governor of the Gaza strip, said his assessment was confirmed after discussions in Ottawa with a prominent PLO leader.

According to Segev, Israel and Jordan are only co-operating to prevent a Palestinian state on the West Bank.

"The Palestinians want a Palestinian state. They want a divided Jerusalem. They want a police force, which is, in effect, an army."

Because Israel and the PLO are at odds over the objectives of peace, Segev predicted an "armed peace," marked by the suspension of talks and renewed involvement by intermediaries.

Shmuel Segev

Segev has been a journalist since 1955, when he started with the Israeli daily *Maariv*. He has covered events in most of the world's trouble spots and authored the only book in Hebrew on the Vietnam War.

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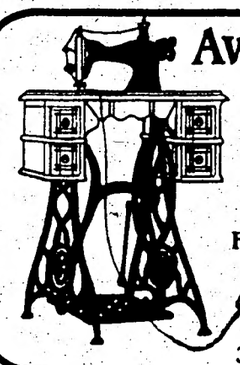

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Organizations and People

Richmond Hill pioneers praised for role in area

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —She was a hardworking immigrant from Ukraine. They were doctors, teachers, businesspeople, students, housewives, politicians, government officials. And they filled a new park in Richmond Hill to honor her.

The Jessie Vanek Park, on Lake Wilcox, was formally dedicated by her surviving children, Judge David Vanek, Morris Vanek and Mary Spiegel together with Richmond Hill Mayor William Bell, and councillors Tom Simpson and David Cohen.

"This is a great day for Richmond Hill and the Vanek family," Bell told the over 100 people spanning four generations, some of whom had come from different parts of the United States as well as Canada for the occasion.

Standing on a picnic table, Judge David Vanek reminisced about the two story white brick house, that was home to the seven children, and was part of a complex that eventually included a general store, a dance hall, a resort hotel, cottages, and a refreshment stand.

The resort operated from 1928 (the store opened earlier) until World War II, when Jessie Vanek became too old to run it.

While thanking the government of Richmond Hill for fixing up the park, Judge Vanek couldn't resist reminding Bell of the need for picnic benches, steps, fencing around an electric plant, and other amenities.

The memorial is a round plaque set in a low, semi-circular stone wall, surrounded by shrubs. The plaque is inscribed: "In 1918, Jacob and Jessie Vanek, with their family, came from Cedar Valley to live in Oak Ridges. They operated the general store on Yonge Street at the corner of the road leading to Lake Wilcox. In 1928, they acquired this site at Lake Wilcox, then known as Cederholme, and for many years, Jessie, with the assistance of her family, operated the property as a summer resort. The land has now returned to recreational use and is dedicated as a public park in the name of Jessie Vanek, in recognition of her contribution to the history of the Oak Ridges/Lake Wilcox area."

Probably the most moving aspect of the dedication, was the family getting together and telling each other, other generations, and the municipal officials, how things were back in what was then a country area. One man, holding his grandchild, pointed out where he went swimming. A woman told her nephew and greatniece how she and her family had travelled for hours from Union Station over inadequate roads to get to "Meema Geesia's" when they arrived in Canada in the 1920s.

And wide-eyed children and strangely quiet teenagers watched and listened to slightly teary-eyed elders talk about this hard-working woman who epitomized the independent, competent working wife and mother before such a concept was fashionable.

Jessie Vanek would have been proud.

Judge David Vanek (far left) and Mary Spiegel look at plaque dedicating the Jessie Vanek Park in memory of their mother, together with Richmond Hill Mayor William Bell and Councillor Tom Simpson. The other surviving brother, Morris Vanek, and Councillor David Cohen, not shown, also took part in the dedication.

Poor economy cited for racism

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The poor economy, and the accompanying despair, have encouraged the growth of racism, anti-Semitism and a general anti-immigrant feeling in the country the candidates agree.

Education, better enforcement of anti-hate laws and stronger laws against hatemongers are supported by all candidates.

Sinclair is the only candidate who feels that multicultural policies are divisive, saying that people don't want to be thought of as "hyphenated" Canadians. "We are all one people," she said.

Ethnic groups should, she feels, maintain their languages and traditions, but this should be done within their own communities, and not at government expense or with government interference.

Similarly, she said, minority language rights should be available, but only when there is a real need.

DeVita objects to the Conservative government combining the immigration department with that for public security, saying it sends the message, quickly picked up by those predisposed to hate anyway, that immigrants are automatically criminals.

Multiculturalism, he adds, is "not just parties and dancing. It is building bridges. Immigrants must be trained in our languages, laws, and ways. This takes money and effort."

Immigration is seen as a good thing, particularly on economic and humanitarian grounds, by Bevilacqua, Kestein, DeVita and D'Angela, who point out that immigrants help bolster the economy.

No foreign policies

Sinclair says that she is concerned that some immigrants bring the strife and troubles of their native homes to Canada. "This should be dealt with quickly, and not be tolerated."

The Reform and National parties have not established foreign policies.

Bevilaqua and D'Angela believe Canada has a continued role to play in the Middle East process, as it has in other trouble spots, both militarily and in the diplomatic front. DeVita agrees with this, musing that Canada should be proud of being known as a peacekeeping nation, but adds that the parties involved, Israelis and Arabs, should be encouraged to work out the problems themselves.

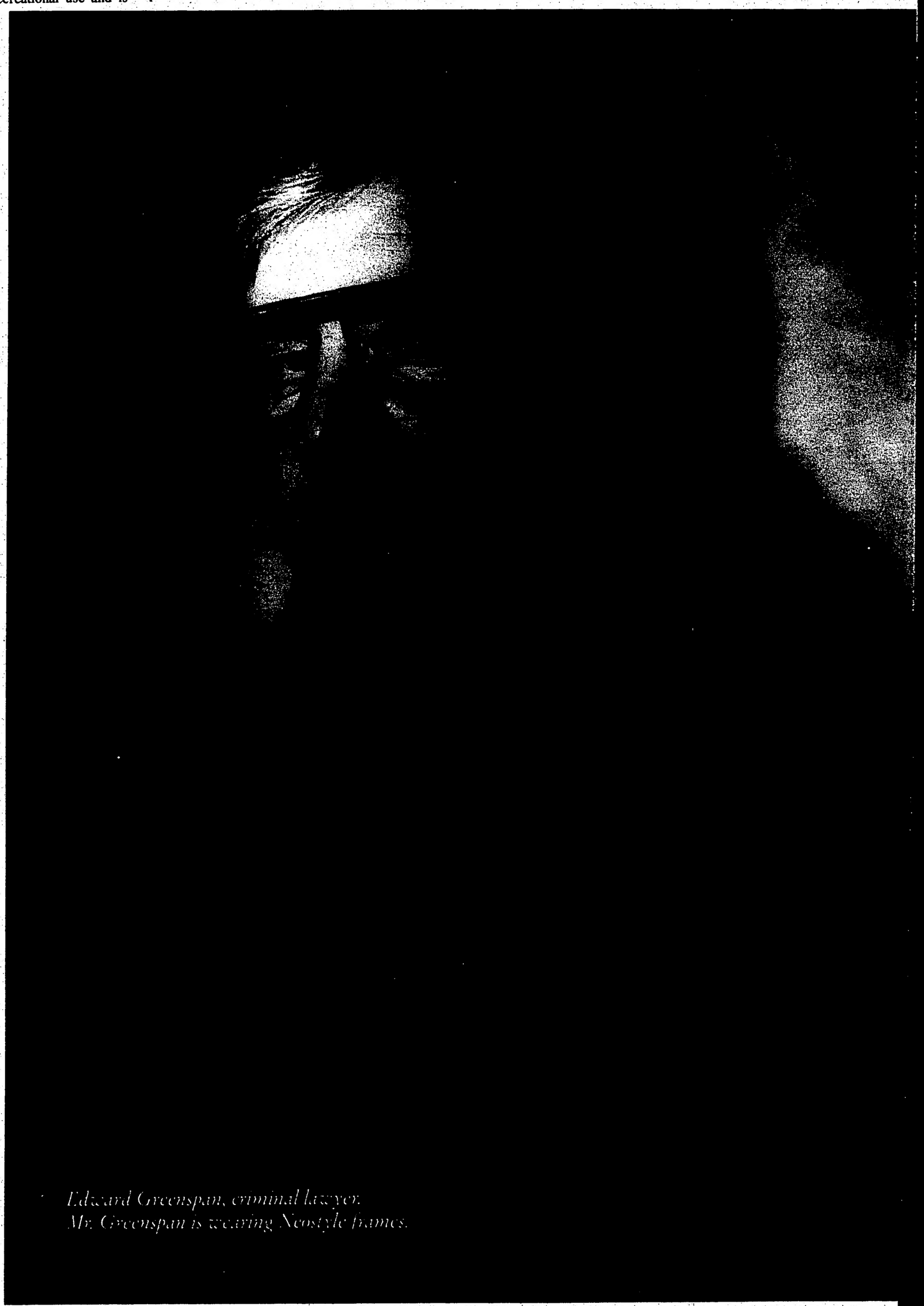
All agree that the Arabs should lift the boycott of Israel in the light of the Palestinian-Israeli accord, with Bevilaqua asserting that if it is necessary for Parliament to enact legislation to enforce it, the Liberals would do so.

All agree that there should be no time limit on the prosecution of Nazi war criminals, including D'Angela, whose party leader, Kim Campbell, has set 1994 as a conclusion.

Sinclair and the Reform Party firmly believe that there should be a change in the justice system, since, they believe, the current one is not working.

She feels especially strongly about the Young Offenders' Act, saying that children as young as 10 should be held accountable for crimes, and that parents of youngsters under 16 should be financially responsible for crimes their children commit.

All five candidates say that the mood in York North is one of pessimism, fear of the future, and anger.



Edward Greenspan, criminal lawyer. Mr. Greenspan is wearing Neostyle frames.

Bassin takes up position with Quebec Nordiques

By PAUL LUNGEN

WINNIPEG — Sherwood (Sherry) Bassin has a hockey philosophy that is simple and direct: you've got to surround yourself with good people.

Throughout his career in junior hockey, Bassin has managed to do just that, bringing in quality people to help turn around cellar-dwelling teams and putting them in the penthouse. Now it appears that Quebec Nordiques' general manager Pierre Page has borrowed a page from Bassin's book, hiring the 53-year-old as assistant general manager for hockey operations.

Page may well be hoping that some of Bassin's success in the junior ranks will rub off on the Nordiques, who have put together a group that some have called the team of the '90s.

In his new posting with the club from Quebec, Bassin will have a hand in all major hockey decisions — everything from scouting players, involvement in contract negotiations and budgeting, training camp responsibilities, and keeping on top of league rules and regulations to decisions on team personnel.

For Bassin, moving to the big leagues is a natural career step. There's little left for him to accomplish in junior hockey, where his record is unparalleled. It culminated last year when, as GM of the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds, he led the team to a Memorial Cup victory.

That capped a resurgence in the Sault, as Bassin took the Greyhounds from last to first several years ago, winning the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) championships in 1991 and 1992. Before that, he led the Oshawa Generals to OHL championships in 1983 and 1987.

His five appearances in the Memorial Cup are noteworthy, considering that half of all OHL teams have never advanced to the junior championship even once. In his 17-year involvement in junior hockey, he has never had a losing season.

Bassin has taken his success to the international front as well. Four times he served as either GM or assistant coach of Canadian national junior teams, and four times he's won medals: two gold, one silver and one bronze.

The 1982 gold was Canada's first medal in 10 years; the 1983 bronze was the first medal won in the Soviet Union; the 1985 gold was Canada's first gold in Europe. His trophy case also includes a silver medal, won in 1986.

Bassin's achievements are legion, and now he has set his sights on hockey's ultimate prize, the Stanley Cup.

The Nordiques, he said, have made great strides in the past three years towards that goal. "Now, they need short, solid steps."

The Nords must show the character and maturity needed to make a championship team. A winning team "needs character and a value system," he said.

He expects the Nords, who lost to eventual Stanley Cup winner Montreal in the first round of the playoffs last season, to show the maturity that comes from experiencing adversity, analyzing it and overcoming it.

Having a talented roster will no doubt help the process, "but there's a difference between assembling talent and assembling a team," he said.

Escalating player salaries

Bassin took issue with the theory that the regular season is a relatively unimportant precursor to the playoffs. "You learn to win during the season," he said. "I think it really does matter."

A native of Semans, Sask., Bassin agreed that escalating player salaries are one of the key issues facing the league, and not just in small communities like Quebec and Winnipeg. Budgetary problems will arise in many cities, he predicted, and the issue must be examined fully by both players and management — including the possibility of profit-sharing and salary caps.

Asked to look ahead and pick some teams that could vault into the league's upper echelon this season, Bassin predicted that Detroit will be even tougher than last year and that "we'll see how much Vancouver has learned" from its playoff demise.

Bassin, who was in Winnipeg recently to visit his parents, Mal and Molly, during Rosh Hashanah, said he returns to the prairie city as often as he can to celebrate Jewish holidays.

"I think identity and history are important," he said. "Look at the Montreal Canadiens. They point to their many championships as conferring a long and glorious history. But Jews have a much longer history of thousands of years of achievement for which they can be proud. I feel strongly about my Jewish heritage."

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Bonds fetes Blankensteins

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — More than 160 friends, family and lodge members gathered at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue recently to honor Freda and Abe Blankenstein at a State of Israel Bonds dinner sponsored by B'nai Brith's Wallenberg Yorkdale Circle Lodge.

The Blankensteins, whose common cause is their devotion to Israel, have purchased and persuaded others to buy thousands of dollars in State of Israel Bonds over the past 40 years. They have visited Israel at least a dozen times since immigrating to Canada from Europe after World War II.

Keynote speaker Seymour Reich praised them for devoting themselves to Israel. "Bonds are an investment in our souls so our partnership with Israel will continue," he said.

Reich said that during the remarkable events unfolding in the Middle East, it is the role of the Diaspora to be supportive of Israel. "The Israelis have to determine what land to give up and with whom they will sit down and talk. Our response is to be supportive of their decisions and understand that it is Israel that has to play it out."

Reich stressed that over the next little while, we can expect many problems to pop up. "It is going to be a long, ardous process and we have to be patient as these problems are resolved. If ever American and Canadian Jewry were needed, it is now."

He said that with over one million Jews ready to leave the former Soviet Union, the Diaspora will be needed for economic development and investment in Israel. "That is why we are here. We are watching miracles unfold and we are certainly a part of them."

Michael Rosenberg, dinner co-chair along with Ralph Snow, said State of Israel Bonds are the bloodline of Israel's economy and "we must continue to do what our consciences dictate."

Alex Grossman, chair of the board for Canada-Israel Securities Ltd., presented the Blankensteins with the Shema Yisroel Award.

"Without Israel, this night would not exist," said receipient Abe Blakenstein. "Thoursands of people like you created a partnership between Jews and Israel. It is this partnership that sets the example for our children and grandchildren to follow."

Charles Diamond, executive vice-president of Canada-Israel Securities Ltd., presented an award to Ralph Snow and Michael Rosenberg.

Bowlers get medals

VICTORIA — Two Israeli lawn bowlers took home a silver medal from the recent Blind Bowls Fifth World Championships.

Izhak Baranes and Tammy Carmeli, both of whom are totally blind, placed second in the mixed doubles category.

"We're ecstatic," said head coach Alex Goldsmith. The eight-member delegation was the first from Israel to participate in the 10-day round robin tournament.

Four of the Israelis were blind; the other four served as coaches.

Contestants came from Australia, England, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Scotland, South Africa, Wales, Canada as well as Israel.

Organizations and People

Ng hopes to maintain legacy of NDP in Trinity-Spadina

ELECTION WATCH '93

By PAUL LUNGEN

Patrick Kutney

Lee Monaco

TORONTO — Though some political pundits have predicted the New Democrats may be virtually wiped out east of the Manitoba border, Winnie Ng believes she can buck that trend.

A new candidate in a riding that for the past two elections has sent a New Democrat to Ottawa, Ng is confident the legacy of retiring MP Dan Heap, a core of NDP supporters and her record of community activism will keep the downtown Toronto riding of Trinity-Spadina in the New Democratic fold.

A longtime Liberal stronghold until 1984, when Jim Coutts was parachuted into the riding by then Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, Heap has held the ethnically and socially diverse constituency ever since.

Tony Ianno

Liberal Tony Ianno, a businessman, is attempting to regain the riding for the Grits. Progressive Conservative Lee Monaco and Reform candidate Peter Loftus represent the other larger parties vying for the seat. Also in the race are a slew of candidates from other groupings, including the National, Natural Law, Marxist-Leninist, Green, Abolitionist and Libertarian parties.

Despite a wide variety of candidates to choose from, the last time electors went to the polls it was a two-horse race as Heap edged Ianno by a 483-vote margin, out of a total of 40,743 ballots cast. The Tory candidate finished a distant third.

As is the case elsewhere, candidates in Trinity-Spadina are making jobs and economic stimulus their primary campaign themes. "I'm talking about getting the economy stimulated," Ianno said. "The emphasis is on small business."

"The key issues are jobs, NAFTA and. . . the need to organize to lift ourselves from a sense of despair and fear," Ng said. Voters are "scared over what the future holds for them and their children."

Monaco said her main message to voters is to "get the country on its feet financially again."

Job creation and debt reduction are two sides of the same coin, Monaco said: "We have to trade our way to prosperity and equip our people to compete in the new reality."

Monaco, who pointed out that Trinity-Spadina is the country's second largest "ethnic riding," defended the Tory's shift of the multiculturalism department into the Heritage Ministry. "The government is still committed to multiculturalism," she said. "[The move] was part of a cost-cutting" initiative to "downsize and end waste."

By bringing up the issue, Liberals are being "dishonest in pandering to the ethnic vote, as if [the Conservatives] were against multiculturalism. That's absolutely false," she said.

Ianno countered by saying the government has "misplayed a lot of potential beneficial aspects of Canadians' [diverse backgrounds]. We have strength in Canada's diverse cultural makeup and should use that in business exports," he said.

Multiculturalism "is one of the cornerstones that defines who we are as Canadians," Ng said. "It was problematic for the Conservatives to move multiculturalism to Heritage, as if it only acknowledges [one's] roots." The federal government should assist community-advocacy organizations to promote multiculturalism and assist them in fighting racism, she said.

Patrick Kutney, the National Party candidate, said his party favors a separate ministry for multiculturalism but he does not.

While it is "great" that people are concerned over their homelands, "it disappoints me when people do not put as much into their new country as their country of origin," Kutney said.

He suggested that in place of a multiculturalism ministry, which he termed a "vote-buyer" for government, he would favor a ministry of Canadian culture.

Speaking only blocks from where members of the white supremacist Heritage Front clashed with anti-racist activists in a bloody street brawl last summer, Ng said the federal government should consider strengthening the Canadian Human Rights Code and consult with various communities about beefing up the Criminal Code provisions against the promotion of hate.

Ianno favored use of the anti-hate law to help fight hatemongers: "If you don't stomp it out quickly, it could spread."

Monaco added her condemnation of "any kind of discrimination or hatred."

Responding to a question on immigration, Monaco said the Tory government is committed to accepting about 250,000 immigrants each year. But, she said, "people are alarmed that people who come in who are not legitimate refugees."

The move to shift immigration matters to the Public Security Ministry affects only the enforcement aspects of immigration matters, Monaco, a lawyer, said. It does not suggest that the Conservatives see refugees as criminals, she stressed.

Ianno said continued immigration is "very positive for Canada."

Refugees who are permitted into the country "should not be left to hang." Their cases should be heard expeditiously and they should be granted work permits so they need not subsist on welfare, he said.

Ng said the New Democrats favor keeping immigration levels at one

Winnie Ng

percent of population (about where it is now) as a way of revitalizing the Canadian economy through the addition of immigrants' technical skills and investments.

She said refugee hearings should be expedited and claimants should be given work permits to get them off welfare.

Kutney said there is no evidence to show immigrants take jobs. Canada needs new immigrants, he said, adding that immigration matters should not be dealt with under the Ministry of Public Security.

All candidates favored continued investigation of war criminals with no deadline for the end of prosecutions.

They also backed Canadian participation in Mideast peacekeeping efforts. Ng and Ianno agreed Canada should use its good offices to urge Arab countries to drop their boycott of Israel. Monaco said "Canada can make recommendations, but it's a matter for each sovereign state to decide.

"I personally believe in liberalized trade and Canada should push for that. I think it will come along with the peace initiatives that have started," Monaco said.

Fall Family Festival planned

TORONTO — A Fall Family Festival is being presented this Sunday (Oct. 24) by the Children's Aid Societies of Greater Toronto, of which Jewish Family & Child Service is a member.

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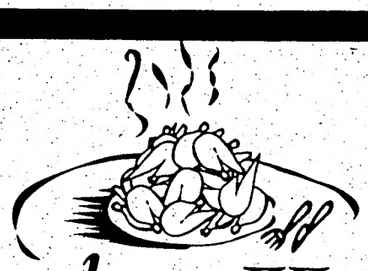

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Vocal opposition seen necessary to stem racism

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA — If one person speaks out against racism, it can be enough to stop its spread, according to an American psychologist. But when bystanders don't interfere, they send the message that racism is acceptable.

Ervin Staub was the guest speaker last week at the opening program of the Ottawa-Carleton Anti-Racism Network. It was organized in conjunction with the community relations committee of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa.

A psychology professor at the University of Massachusetts, Staub's research has focused on the effect of the passive bystander. Following the Rodney King incident in Los Angeles, Staub was asked to develop a training program for police to combat the use of excessive force.

King, a black motorist, was severely beaten by white police officers after he was stopped for a routine traffic check.

In explaining the growth of racism, Staub said established groups turn against newcomers or minorities during times of economic stress and social upheaval. They see the victims as "different," but gradually begin to view them as people who deserve to be victimized. Passive bystanders reinforce this attitude.

"When bystanders remain passive, it communicates to the perpetrators that what they re doing is right," Staub said.

"It is very difficult to see brutality and do nothing and continue to think of yourself as a caring person. They [passive bystanders] distance themselves from the victim and believe the victim must have deserved the treatment."

But when the bystander acts, the victims feel empowered, he said.

Staub's research has shown that passive bystanders will often take action if someone asks them for help. And once someone acts, other people follow their lead.

This is true even on an international scale, said Staub. The world community remained on the sidelines of the situation in Yugoslavia, and international concern about the crisis has diminished, he said.

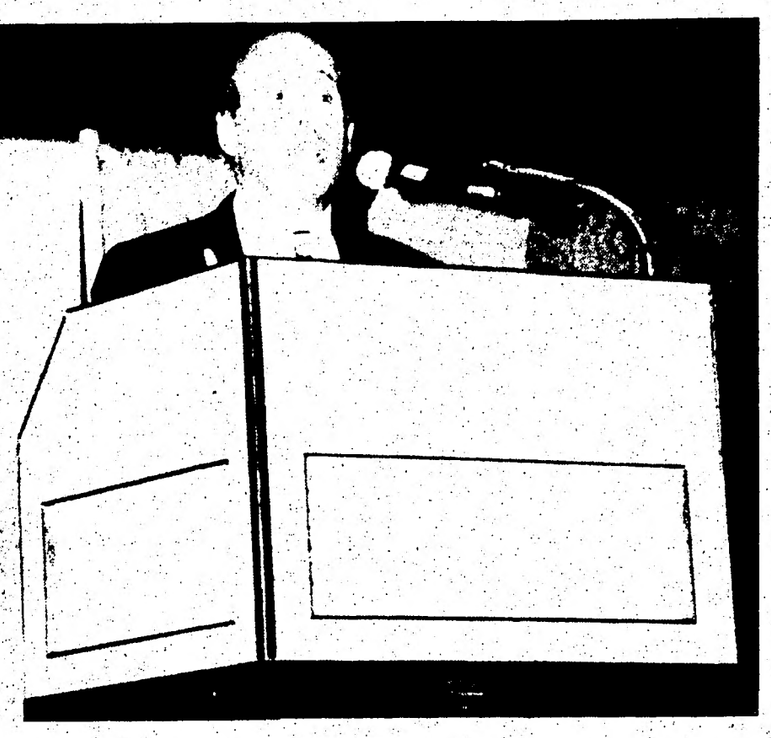
Earlier in the day Staub spoke at the 10th anniversary rededication of Raoul Wallenberg Park. The psychologist, then 6, was one of an estimated 100,000 Hungarian Jews saved by Wallenberg in 1944.

"Heros are made, not born," said Staub of the Swedish diplomat.

The Ottawa-Carleton Anti-Racist Network is a coalition of 20 groups that mobilized last spring following a recruitment dance run by the Toronto-based Heritage Front.

Ruth Kahane, director of community relations for the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa, said Staub's message was heartening for anti-racist groups.

"It gave people a sense of empowerment," she said.



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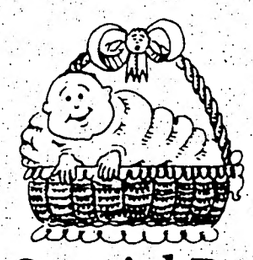

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, Oct. 21, is deadline for Nov. 4 issue and Thursday, Oct. 28, is deadline for Nov. 11 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. The phone number is 422-2331, fax number is 424-1886.

Saturday, Oct. 23

ISRAELI FOLKDANCE PARTY

An Israeli folkdance party is being held 8:30 p.m. in the upstairs gym, 2nd floor, Jewish Community Centre North Y branch. There will be prizes, refreshments, door prizes. Cost is $5. Call **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

Sunday, Oct. 24

BASIC JUDAISM COURSE

The Rabbinical Assembly, Ontario region, continues its Basic Judaism Course with The Mitzvot and Their Reasons, 7:30-9:30 p.m., at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue. There is no charge. The Hebrew Literacy Course is available for those interested in following the sessions. For more information, call **Rabbi Howard Markose**, 889-4975.

SUPERSTITION VS CUSTOMS

The Max and Beatrice Wolfe Library at Beth Tzedec Synagogue invites you to a lecture by **Rabbi Eliot Feldman** on Judaism, The Supernatural and The Jews: Superstition Versus Customs, at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge.

SECULAR JEWISH ASSOCIATION

The Secular Jewish Association is presenting Intertalk for couples in intercultural relationships. Speak out and share in an accepting environment with **Eva Goldfinger**, madricha and intermarriage counsellor, 10 a.m. in the SJA staff room, 131 Fenn Ave. Charge for non-members is $5. For information, call (905) 731-7066.

TOWN MEETING

Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood is hosting a town meeting with St. Paul's riding candidates **Barry Campbell**, Liberal; **Isabel Bassett**, PC; and **Paul Chaplin**, Reform, following breakfast. Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9:30, and the program at 10.

HEALTH & SAFETY AWARENESS DAY

B'nai Brith Women of Toronto is holding its annual Health and Safety Awareness Day from noon to 5 p.m. at Yorkdale Shopping Centre. Representatives from 26 leading organizations will provide information, ideas and tips for keeping you and yours safe and well.

JEWISH STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

At the second annual Jewish Storytelling Festival guest artists **Shlomo Carlebach** of Israel and New York, **Zalmen Mlotek** of New York, and **Doug Lipman** of Massachusetts will join 20 other storytellers from Canada and the U.S. including **Alec Gelcer, Leslie Robbins** and **Michael Wex**. This full day of workshops for adults and families takes place at the Barbara Frum Library, 20 Covington Rd. Morning workshops $10, afternoon sets $10 (seniors, students $7), evening concert $10 (seniors, students $7), full day pass $25. The event is co-sponsored by Jewish Storytelling Arts and North York Public Library. For tickets and information, call 483-3082.

Monday, Oct. 25

FALSE GODS OF THE '90s

Adath Israel Congregation and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am joint fall study program, False Gods of the '90s, continues with the topic Technology with **Rabbi Steven Saltzman** at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am. Time is 8 p.m.

SHA'ARON CHAPTER, BBW

Sha'aron Chapter, B'nai Brith Women of Toronto, is holding a general meeting, 8 p.m., at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. You are invited to join in this interesting evening and hear a speaker discuss financial planning.

Tuesday, Oct. 26

NCJW LUNCHEON

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section, invites the community to attend a luncheon at 1 p.m. at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St., when keynote speaker will be **Sunera Thobani**, president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women. Cost is $10. Seating is limited and reservations are a must. Call 633-5100.

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

Here's a healthy dose of humor with no side effects! At Beth Tikvah Sisterhood's first program of the new season, **Felicia Carmelly**, counselling psychologist and consultant, will speak on Laughter is the Best Medicine. The time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue. Admission is $3 members, $5 guests. For information, call **Nurit Tuch**, 225-7032.

KOLLEL ESH DAT DINNER

The annual Kollel Esh Dat dinner is being held at Beth Jacob V'Anshe Drildz Synagogue, 147 Overbrook Place. The 1993 honorees are **Jeffrey Rubinstein** and **Joseph Isakow**. Guest speaker is **Rabbi Avishai David**, rosh yeshivah, Yeshivat Bnei Akiva Or Chaim. Cocktails are at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7. Couvert is $40. RSVP by calling 636-1945.

FASHION SHOW & BOUTIQUES

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood annual Fall Fashion Show and Boutiques features women's fashions by Kathy MacFarlane of The Oyster in Burlington, Ont., and men's fashions by Heritage. Leading fashions from France, Italy, New York and Canada will be represented along with jewelry from Israel. Boutiques open at 6:30 p.m. Showtime is 8 p.m. Admission is $20.

BETH MIDRASH PROGRAM

Beth Tzedec Congregation's Fall Beth Midrash on the theme What is Judaism? An Eclectic Approach (Four Voices and Their Message) with **Arnold Ages**, continues at 8 p.m. with Maurice Lamm and The Halachic Imperative.

KOSHER COOKING SCHOOL

Kosher Cooking School session will focus on Chinese (Meat) dishes at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. Fee for this session is $15. Call the Kashruth Council of Toronto, 635-9550 for registration and information.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of North Bathurst presents nutrition and weaning, covering starting solids, discipline, and other issues. Meetings are open to pregnant or nursing mothers. Babies are welcome. Meeting is at 8 p.m. at 127 Chelwood, Thornhill. For information, call **Joyce**, 881-8779, or **Robin**, 888-8364, or **Karen**, 512-7974, or **Risa**, 738-8870.

Wednesday, Oct. 27

LUNCH AND LEARN

Holy Blossom Temple's Lunch and Learn in Retirement Group features a talk on The ABCs of Anti-Semitism and Those Who Use the Alphabet by **Bernie Farber**, national director of community relations, Canadian Jewish Congress. The group meets at noon. Bring your own lunch and $1. Coffee, tea and cookies are provided.

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

At the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada meeting, **Barry Walfish**, head of Judaica Aquisitions at Robarts Library, University of Toronto, will speak on Jewish Literary Treasures Discovered in the Catacombs of a Kiev Monastery. Thousands of holy codices and perhaps the largest collection of community record books from the Ukraine, Lithuania and other areas dating back to the 18th century are at Robarts. The time is 7:30 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Admission is free. Call 256-1985 for information.

JAKES WOMEN

Ontario Juvenile Arthritis Association has arranged to see *Jake's Women* starring **Richard Kline** at Stage West. The cost of $75 ($30 tax receipt) includes buffet dinner (6 p.m.) and theatre. Call **Maureen Lerman**, 449-0800.

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will appear at Pine Villa, 935 Eglinton Ave. W., 2-3 p.m., in a happy musical hour of semi-classical, popular, Jewish and Hebrew music.

Thursday, Oct. 28

U OF T JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAM

The University of Toronto Jewish Studies Program and the Department of Middle East and Islamic Studies present **Abraham David** of The Institute of Microfilmed Hebrew Manuscripts, The Jewish National and University Library, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, who will speak on The Spanish Exiles in the Ottoman Empire in the 16th Century. Lecture is at 4 p.m., Room 205, Claude T. Bissel Building, 140 St. George St.

AYJA PUB NIGHT

AYJA (Association of Young Jewish Adults) Pub Night (ages 22-35) is at 8 p.m. at Rockit, 120 Church St. Cover is $5. For more information, call 760-4149.

And What Else Is New...

AISH HATORAH COURSES

Aish HaTorah Thornhill Centre in the Promenade Mall is hosting a six-week series by author/counsellor/lecturer **Sarah Chana Radcliffe** entitled Family Life Management. All women are welcome to join Tuesday evenings, 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Series started Oct. 19 but there's still time to join.

The Women's Learning Program of Aish HaTorah is offering a special four-week course on Women's Personalities in Tanach with **Ruhama Alter**, starting Wednesday, Oct. 27, at 11 a.m. at the Village Shul. Also, Radcliffe is giving a six-week parenting course for women Wednesday mornings at 9:45 a.m. starting Oct. 20.

For registration and information on these courses as well as other fall programs for both men and women, call **Bev**, 636-7530.

NEW CENTRE

Rabbi Nechemiah Coopersmith (left) and Rabbi Mitch Mandel are directors of the new Aish HaTorah Centre at the Promenade Mall in Thornhill.

JEWISH BROTHERHOODS COUNCIL

The Council of Jewish Brotherhoods of Metropolitan Toronto annual installation breakfast takes place Sunday, Oct. 31, at Petah Tikva Congregation, 20 Danby Ave. in Downsview. Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9:30. Guest speaker is CFRB Radio personality **Andy Barrie**. Tickets are $6. Call **Joe Grossman**, 633-0479. Ladies are welcome.

POST-PARTUM GROUP

After Baby Comes, Mount Sinai Hospital's post-partum group for new moms and babies, will meet Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m., Nov. 10-Dec. 8, at the Thornhill Community Centre, 7755 Bayview Ave. Charge is $75. For information, call 222-7633 or 447-1719.

IMAGE IMPACT

Interested in the glamor, prestige and excitement of being a model? A four-week course at the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch with professional model **Farah Vinsky** provides the fundamentals of modelling; including image enhancement and confidence building. Classes are Sundays and Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m., beginning Oct. 17. There is still time to join and price will be adjusted accordingly. To register or for more information, call 631-5658.

SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS

Registration is now open for the following fall/winter art classes offered at the Koffler School of Visual Arts: Raku, Potters Wheel; Handbuilding and Potters Wheel, Glaze Application, Teen Potters Wheel, Tile Your World, Drawing, Painting, Watercolor (beginners, intermediate, experimental), Life Drawing (no instructor), Cartooning, Drawing and Painting for Teens, Clay Sculpture with a Model, Stone Sculpture, Sculpture in Mixed Media, Mixed Media Art for Children, Children's Ceramics, Child with Parent-Ceramics. Space is limited, so register early. For more information, call 636-2145.

$10,000 IN CASH PRIZES

Temple Sinai Brotherhood's annual draw ($10,000 in cash prizes plus door prizes) will be held Wednesday, Nov. 24, at the temple. The evening consists of an open bar, hors d'oevres and full dinner. Tickets are $130 (partial income tax receipt). Proceeds go to temple projects such as children's attendance at Reform summer camps and visits to Israel. Call **Howard Zippan**, 445-0916 or **Lew Rasminsky**, 764-5166. VISA and Mastercard accepted.

OH CANADA! OH QUEBEC!

Author **Mordecai Richler** will be the guest speaker at the Arts Alive book fair breakfast in Ottawa Sunday, Oct. 31. His topic will be *Oh Canada! Oh Quebec! Lament for a Divided Nation*.

PRIDE OF ISRAEL SISTERHOOD

Pride of Israel Synagogue Sisterhood held a women's Rosh Chodesh service Oct. 3 with refreshments served in the sukkah following the service. Another women's service will be held at a future date.

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THE DISCOVERY SEMINAR

The exciting and unique Jewish educational experience, The Discovery Seminar, will be held Nov. 5-7 at Maple Lake Lodge Resort in Parry Sound. The question, Why be Jewish?, is answered through techniques of the Israeli Mossad, psychology, zoology and a dash of mysticism. **Harold Ganz**, cryptographer for the United States government, will be presenting codes found through computer scans of the Bible. Phone Aish HaTorah, 636-7530, for information and registration.

FAMILY TIES

Jewish Family & Child Service presents Family Ties Monday, Nov. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. CFRB's **Andy Barrie** will moderate a panel discussion with authors and therapists **Olga Silverstein** and **Marianne Walters**, together with JF&CS executive director **Gordon Wolfe**. Discussion will focus on different roles for male and female parents and children. Reserve your free place by calling 638-7800, ext. 268 today.

SCHWARTZ MEMORIAL LECTURE

The University of Toronto Jewish Studies Program presents the Joseph and Gertie Schwartz Memorial Lecture Sunday, Oct. 24, with **Prof. Calvin Goldscheider** of Brown University in Providence, R.I. His topic is How Are Jews Surviving in the Diaspora: What Do the Numbers Tell Us? The time is 8 p.m., Room 205, Faculty of Library and Information Science, 140 St. Geroge St.

On Monday, Oct. 25, Goldscheider will conduct a seminar on Stratification and North American Jewry in the Last 100 Years: How Do We Interpret the Evidence on Assimilation? That's from 2 to 4 p.m., Room 240, University College, 15 King's College Circle.

THE PEACE PROCESS

Beth Tikvah Synagogue's adult education and Israel affairs committees present The Peace Process: Facing the New Reality in the Middle East, a four-part lecture series featuring noted author and political science professor **Gabriel Ben-Dor**. Lectures take place at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., beginning Wednesday, Oct. 27, 8 p.m. with Understanding the Arab-Israeli Relationship: An Overview of the History of a Long-standing Conflict.

Israel and Her Neighbors: The Impact of Peace on the Social and Economic Fabric of the Middle East is Thursday, Oct. 28 at 8 p.m. The Scourge of Islamic Fundamentalism: When Faith Degenerates follows Shabbat morning services. The series ends with Israel and Her Neighbors: The Impact of Peace on the Political Realities of the Middle East, Sunday, Oct. 31 at 8 p.m.

The lecture series is endowed by the Marsha and Stuart Razin Education Fund. The public is invited to all lectures, non-members $5 per evening lecture. No charge for students. For information, call 221-3433.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering the following groups: Positive Parenting (groups for teens, pre-schoolers, school age and pre-teens, begins November); You and Your Aging Parents: The Sandwich Generation (begins Oct. 27); For Women Only (began Oct. 19). For more information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

HOLOCAUST DOCUMENTATION

If you are a survivor who spent the war in Nazi-occupied Europe, whether in the camps, in hiding, passing as a non-Jew or in the resistance, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto Documentation Project would like to record your story on videotape for the archives. You will receive a copy of your testimony. For further information and an application form, call 635-2883, ext. 153.

WOMEN'S ORT HAPPENINGS

The National Women's Canadian ORT convention will be held in Vancouver Oct. 24 to 27. Keynote speaker is **Michael Medved**, star of PBS's *Sneak Preview* and movie critic who will speak on The Jewish Portrayal in the Movies. For information, call 787-0339

Jaffa Chapter's annual scholarship luncheon takes place Sunday, Oct. 24, at Lifestyles. For information and reservations, call 787-0297

Business and Professional Women's Chapter is presenting fashion consultant **Betty Marwood**, Thursday, Oct. 28. For information, call ORT office, 787-0297.

at the JCC

The Jewish Community Centre North Y branch Senior Adult Services is holding an Oneg Shabbat luncheon Friday, Oct. 29, noon-1:30 p.m., when **Naomi Bell** will present a program of Jewish folk music, Yiddish Songs of Love and Marriage. She sings, accompanies herself on the piano and explains the origin and background of the songs. For reservations or more information, call **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

Sunday Babysitting will begin at the JCC North Y branch Oct. 24, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children from 6 weeks to 5 years are welcome. This program is on a trial basis and subject to demand. The staff looks forward to seeing you and your children. For further information, contact **Sharon**, 636-1880, ext. 229.

Image Impact, a four-week modelling course with professional model **Farah Vinsky**, is offered at the North Y branch. See item under And What Else Is New for details.

Concert for Kids presents Rosalie in Concert, a special concert to enchant children and parents alike with the ever popular, lovable **Rosalie Moscoe**. This is for children 3 to 8. The date is Sunday, Nov. 7, 2 p.m., at the JCC Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. Tickets are $6. VISA/Mastercard accepted. Call 924-6211.

for seniors

Earl Bales Seniors' Club happenings: a dance with a live band Sunday, Oct. 24, 7:30-10:30 p.m. ($4 members, $5 non-members); the movie *Sweethearts* Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2 p.m. (members free, non-members $1); Atlantic City trip Nov. 1-3; day trip to Phantom Hosiery and Canada Cup Factory Nov. 15 ($5). Ongoing programs continue. For information, call club office, 395-7881.

Club Hadar meets every Monday and Thursday, 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. Activities include Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. For information, call **Viola Landman**, 886-2625.

The Wagman Centre is arranging a musical afternoon Sunday, Oct. 24, 1:30-2:30 p.m. And on Tuesday, Oct. 26, violinist **Indulis Suna** will perform 7:30-8:30 p.m. Also, a reminder about the Golden Hands Boutique Going Out Of Business sale that runs to Dec. 16.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). For information, call 783-9453 or 635-5604.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club reports that a Florida trip is in the planning. Ongoing programs are Stretch and Strengthen, Line Dancing, and Fitness. For information on all trips and programs, call **Lena**, 785-5773, or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone number is 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre health lecture series presents The Maintenance of a Healthy Mouth with **Dr. Charles Munro**, chief of dentistry, Baycrest Centre, Thursday, Oct. 28, 1:30 p.m. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

A trip to the Stratford Festival with Downsview Services to Seniors to see *Gypsy* is scheduled Thursday, Nov. 4. Price is $38 (transportation included). Bring or buy your own lunch. Call **Shari**, 225-2112.

The movie *Three Faces of Eve* with **Joanne Woodward** will be screened Sunday, Oct. 24, 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members $1.

The Wednesday afternoon social Oct. 27 features singer **Rick Lavin**. Time is 1:30 p.m. Members $3, non-members $4.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. For information, call **Anna**, 225-2112.

About People

HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

David Lepovsky, a lawyer with the Ministry of the Attorney General's Constitutional Law and Policy Division, is the recipient of a prestigious award for his work in relation to disability issues within the legal system. The award was presented by the Advocacy Resource Centre for the Handicapped (ARCH) at its annual awards ceremony held at Osgoode Hall Oct. 6.

Called to the bar in 1981, Lepofsky received a master's degree in law from Harvard in 1982 and joined the Ministry of the Attorney General that same year. He is a founding president of the Canadian Association of Visually Impaired Lawyers, an organization of blind and visually impaired lawyers, law students, law school teachers and judges. He is also a part-time member of the University of Toronto's Faculty of Law.

TRIBUTE EVENING

After 32 years of dedicated service to our community and to Jewish education, **Aaron Nussbaum** is retiring as director of education of the United Synagogue Day School (USDS). USDS is the largest Conservative day school in North America with 1,300 students.

Aaron Nussbaum

A tribute evening is being planned for Wednesday, Nov. 24. As well, a Tribute Book, documenting his work at USDS, is being published, with the proceeds going towards the establishment of the Dr. Aaron Nussbaum Scholarship in Jewish Education.

All alumni, their families, previous staff members and friends are asked to contact **Surley Goodman** at the school, 781-5658, to ensure their names are on the invitation list.

20TH LAUREATES

In celebration of the 20th meeting of the board of governors, the University of Haifa honored a group of individuals from Israel and abroad.

Michael Davis

These "20th Laureates," as they were dubbed, were presented with honorary lifetime memberships on the University's board of governors.

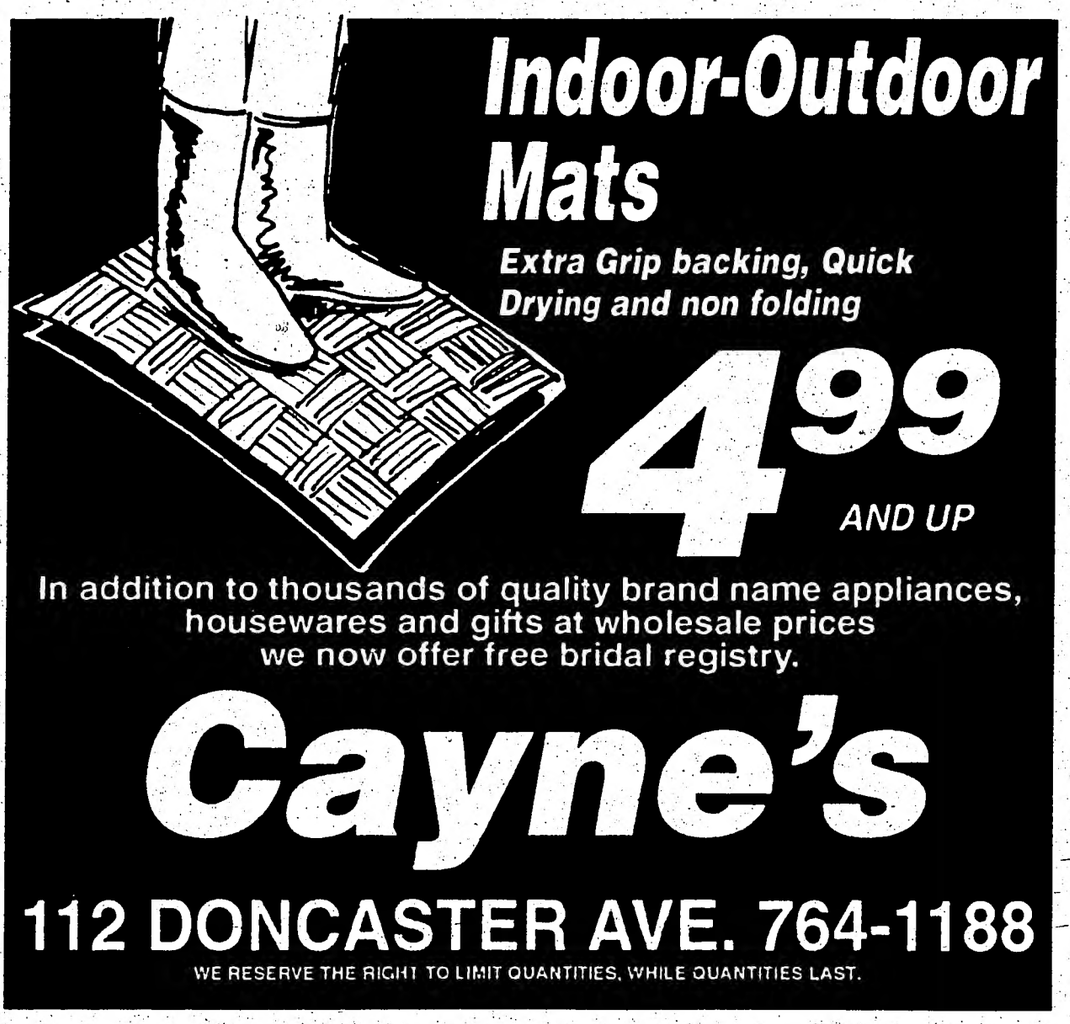
Torontonian **Michael Davis** is one of the Laureates. Davis, who has been involved with the Canadian Friends of Haifa University (CFHU) since 1981, served as the CFHU's national president from 1986 to 1991.

PAST RECORDS

Henry Dorsey (centre), a Golden Giver with the United Jewish Appeal, presents campaign associate Avrum Rosensweig (left) and archives director Stephen Speisman with his autobiography. Dorsey is a jeweller in Toronto who once found himself only metres away from Hitler and Goebels during his escape from Europe before the Second World War.

CZF CONFERENCE

Rabbi Erwin Schild, convention chair, meets with the planning committee for the seventh national convention of the Canadian Zionist Federation to be held in Toronto Nov. 7-8. From left are Denise Gold, convention co-ordinator; Jean Bernholtz, arrangements; Rabbi Schild; and Tillie Margolis, publicity and public relations. A distinguished list of speakers will develop the convention theme, Zionism for the '90s. [Arnold Machtinger photo]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Organizations and People

Relationship between media, politicians focus of new book

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — Journalists like to pretend they are neutral observers, says historian Allan Levine. In reality, they often influence the political process.

"The polls and the televised leaders debates are media creations," said Levine. "The media has decided the debates are important. I am sure the politicians would be happier without them."

This influence is the thesis of Levine's newest book, *Scrum Wars: The Prime Ministers And The Media* (Dundurn Press), scheduled for a Winnipeg launch Oct. 28.

Levine is no stranger to media and political figures. He has done research for *Maclean's* columnist Peter C. Newman, and edited *Your Worship: The Lives of Eight of Canada's Most Unforgettable Mayors*. His book reviews appear in *The Globe and Mail*, *The Winnipeg Free Press* and *Beaver* magazine.

Levine began working on *Scrum Wars* in 1988. He spent a year in Ottawa interviewing media and political figures like John Turner, and going through papers from Sir John A. MacDonald to Lester Pearson in the national archives.

"At one time, prime ministers used to own their own newspapers," he said. "The media has evolved into an unofficial opposition playing a confrontational role."

That change is best exemplified by the power of William Jaffray, the publisher of the *Toronto Globe* in the 1920s. MacKenzie King was reduced to begging Jaffray for his support.

One of the more prominent journalists of that period was Grant Dexter, the Ottawa correspondent for *The Winnipeg Free Press*. At the time, the *Free Press* was read right across the country. Dexter carried on a long, secret correspondence with his editor, John Dafoe, which Levine described as the best gossip he has ever read.

"There was one story about Prime Minister R. B. Bennett harassing Dexter in the men's room of the Rideau Club. Bennett hated the *Free Press* and Dafoe."

Levine asked journalist Bruce Hutchison before his death last year how partisan reporters used to be. According to Hutchison, they used to write speeches for the Liberals. They all hated John Diefenbaker.

In studying Diefenbaker's papers, Levine puts the lie to the Chief's frequent claims that he never read Newman's biography, *Renegade In Power*. Levine found 25 pages of criticism of the Newman book, the first Canadian political best-seller.

In the 1960s, Newman's columns often included the previous day's cabinet discussions. Levine tells a story about Pearson cabinet minister Walter Gordon making a crack that "Peter must be getting pretty cramped under that table." Pearson actually looked under the table.

Levine describes Pearson as a man in the wrong place at the wrong time. Although well-liked by the media as a person, as a politician he was skewered in print. The author suggests that the prime minister was poorly advised, lacked good political judgment and paled oratorically next to Diefenbaker.

The arrival of Pierre Trudeau on centre stage dramatically changed the way the media covered politics. Before Trudeau, the private lives of politicians were not covered. No one wrote about MacKenzie King's seances, Levine notes. No one even knew about them. Yet Trudeau's marriage was all over the front pages.

Levine thinks Trudeau was Canada's most fascinating prime minister. That chapter, he said, was the hardest to write and is the best in the book. He is looking forward to reading Trudeau's soon-to-be-released memoirs.

Levine thinks the media treated Joe Clark very poorly. "It is ironic that he has retired from politics a hero and respected elder statesman," he said.

As for Brian Mulroney, Levine claims the media was tough on him throughout. One of Mulroney's problems was that he cared too much about what was said about him.

"He was slow to learn. For years, he was the unidentified backroom source. He expected that relationship to carry over into the prime ministership," said Levine. "A saint would have trouble being prime minister today."

Levine describes the "herd mentality" of the modern media. "The idea is no longer to get a scoop but rather to make sure you have the same story everyone else has," he said.

The author found politicians to be more objective and less sensitive than some prominent members of the media. Some high-profile reporters, he observed, get very defensive at any suggestion of bias. While journalists like Peter Mansbridge and Knowlton Nash were very helpful, others were less accessible than politicians.

Arab, Jewish leaders meet

[Cont'd. from page 2]

dian communities can play a role in the peace process by "trying to build bridges. We can work together for a just peace. I see no reason why relations can't be fruitful and friendly forever."

In addition to finding common ground on the need to build bridges, Ayad and Abella also agreed that relations between the two communities depended on events in the Middle East.

"Whatever happens in the Middle East is reflected on our relations here," Ayad said.

"I think we're following a pattern set by the leaders in the Middle East," Abella stated.

Referring to the start of the yearly cycle of Torah readings, Gerda Frieberg, chair of CJC's Ontario region, said that as in Genesis, God has given Jews and Arabs a chance at a new beginning. "Our hope is that mothers on both sides will not bury their children anymore."

She said Congress hopes bridges will be built between the Arab and Jewish communities in Canada.

Rashad Saleh, chair of Palestine House, expressed the hope that the negotiations give Israel the "peace they need and the Palestinians the rights they deserve."

He also asked for assistance for Palestinians in rebuilding their economic infrastructure.

Israeli consul general Dror Zeigerman, who did not address the reception, said "the important thing is that the Jewish community and the Arab community in Toronto know each other."

But, he added, "we have to be very careful not to interfere with what is happening in the Middle East."

He said he was disappointed that Ayad made a statement advocating a Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital. The final status of the territories will be decided several years from now after lengthy negotiations, he said.

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Uris captures positive view of Jewish values in his books

By JUDY SHAPIRO
Jewish Free Press

CALGARY — On a trip to Russia a few years ago, author Leon Uris was presented with a copy of his novel *Exodus* translated into Russian.

The book had been banned in the former Soviet Union, but was smuggled in, translated clandestinely and passed from hand to hand in secret drop spots. Many went to prison for the crime of dealing with the book.

The copy given to Uris was inscribed with the words, "Thank you for teaching us to become Jewish again."

In accepting the gift, Uris said: "I would rather have this than a Nobel Prize."

The effect of *Exodus* in encouraging Jews of the former Soviet Union to reconnect with their Jewishness was not foreseen by its author.

"I never dreamed that my words would reach out like a rainbow over time and space" to the Jews of the former Soviet Union, Uris said.

For the author of 10 best-sellers, it is this impact on people's lives that is the ultimate payoff for years spent researching and writing. Uris has been repaid in spades.

The Haj is read by members of the American military about to serve in the Middle East. *QB-VII* is used as a textbook at Harvard Law School. IRA hunger striker Bobby Sands memorized *Trinity* and recited it chapter by chapter to fellow prison inmates.

In a speech at Calgary's Beth Tzedec Synagogue last month and subsequent interview, Uris shared his thoughts about the role and life of an author.

His first sense that a writer has "the power to change things" for individual people came from Uris' own reading of John Steinbeck. A lonely and confused young man, Uris "came to understand that my loneliness was universal" and that "there was someone out there who cared for me."

In his books, Uris strives to do for others what Steinbeck did for him.

Although writing is the only thing he ever wanted to do, Uris gives a bleak description of an author's life.

Statistics show that novelists are among those with the highest incidences of alcoholism, manic depression and suicide, he said.

"While most of the human race sticks to the centre highway of life, it is the mission of a serious writer to do the opposite," Uris said. "A writer must explore every dark byway, wade through swamps of misery, listen to painful experiences, search for hope and truth in order to reach that one sorrowful person who needs him."

To do that, Uris said the writer must go into the locked vault of his mind, "the place in which each of us buries our secrets, misdeeds, lies and their unhappy childhoods."

Uris himself has paid a price for his search for truth. Two marriages ended in painful divorce, a third with his wife's suicide. The second divorce was five years ago, from famous photographer Jill Uris, with whom he co-authored several books and started a second family at the age of 60.

After his divorce, Uris moved from Aspen to Long Island ("not in the Hamptons," he hastened to add). On his trip to Calgary, he was accompanied by Channing Thieme, a Boston illustrator and portrait artist.

Unlike many American Jewish writers, Uris does not whine about his heritage. On the contrary, in his books and in his life, Uris takes a positive view of Jewish values and people.

Through characters like Ari Ben Canaan, the hero of *Exodus*, Uris paints a picture of a strong, determined and compassionate Jewish people. In *Mila 18*, his novel about the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, Uris countered the image of the complacent Jew marching meekly to the gas chamber with a story of "a great heroic moment in man's history."

Born in Baltimore in 1924, Uris was not raised as an observant Jew. In fact, he never had a bar mitzvah and although good friend Teddy Kollek, the mayor of Jerusalem, "has offered me the Western Wall" as a good venue, Uris has no plans to take him up on it.

Considered a poor student, Uris failed English three times in a row in high school, to which he said: "Thank God that writing and English have nothing to do with each other!"

At age 17 he ran away and joined the Marines, an experience that led to his first novel *Battle Cry* and helped formed his character.

Uris said it was the Holocaust that made him a Zionist. "Two thousand years of history has proved that the Jews must have their own piece of land," he said.

Despite his Zionism, in his second attempt to explore the Middle East, Uris chose to tell the story from the Palestinian point of view.

The Haj, published in 1985, was for Uris a particulaly difficult descent into the "swamps of misery.

"I was writing about a tragedy — that knocked me out," said Uris. "I knew I couldn't come up with anything uplifting at the end."

While some criticize his bleak portrait of Arab culture in *The Haj*, Uris defends the book and the message.

"I don't claim to be even-handed in this thing; my case is for the Jewish people. But [Arab] people saw a lot of truth in that book because they recognized their own family relationships."

From the understanding gained through writing *The Haj*, Uris has strong opinions about today's Arab world.

"Next to nuclear destruction, Muslim fundamentalism is the biggest threat to the world today," he said.

Uris pointed out that the basic belief of Muslims is that they are predestined to rule the world. "That is their mother's milk. That can be convoluted to mass hysteria and irrationality."

With that assessment, Uris takes a cautious view of recent developments in the peace process. "We will make peace, but we'll keep our powder dry," he said.

Top klezmer artist set for concert

TORONTO — Toronto residents will have an opportunity to experience the musical talent and earthy wisdom of pianist Leopold Kozlowski and violinist Yale Strom in concert and dialogue at Walter Hall, Nov. 9, at 8 p.m., University of Toronto, Edward Johnson Building.

Kozlowski, a composer, musician, Holocaust survivor and partisan fighter is widely recognized as the sole surviving pre-war klezmer artist of Galicia.

Yale Strom is wellknown in America, Europe and Israel, as an eclectic pioneer writer, photographer, ethnomusicologist and filmmaker. He has devoted the past twelve years to exploring the current condition of post-Holocaust residual communities, chronicling the culture and historical experiences of Jews in Eastern Europe and the Balkans, and the transfer of that culture to the North American continent.

Kozlowski and Strom's visit to Toronto is sponsored by the Downtown Jewish Community School whose program director, Jean Schoenfeld, notes that their appearance in our community for Jews and non-Jews alike "is a once in a lifetime experience not to be missed."

The duo is touring North America under the auspices of the Los Angeles based Centre For Jewish Culture and Creativity which seeks to share and transmit the rich heritage they represent. The centre is a non-profit educational insitution which stimulates and encourages Judaic learning and the creation of new artistic works reflecting Jewish responses to issues of universal concern by professional writers, composers, film makers, painters and choreographers in Israel and throughout the Diaspora. In cooperation with local institutions the centre also facilitates the public dissemination of such works in order to expand the horizons of Jewish culture and the Jewish contribution to world civilization.

Through its Fellowship and residency programs in Jerusalem and Arad, Israel, the centre enables artists from Israel, Europe, Russia and North America to explore the Jewish heritage and the significance of Israel in dialogue with leading Judaic scholars and philosophers while devoting time to their own creativity and cooperative efforts with fellow artists from communities throughout the world.

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Organizations and People

Zionist shaliach Liberman comes full circle in career

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — Tuvia Liberman, 34, who this summer replaced Shuli Dichter as shaliach for youth Zionist movement Hashomer Hatzair and overseas representative for Givat Haviva, has come full circle. The native Montrealer and graduate of Montreal's Herzlia High School made aliyah at the age of 19 with other members of his own Hashomer Hatzair group. (His parents, Baruch and Bella, later made aliyah as well.)

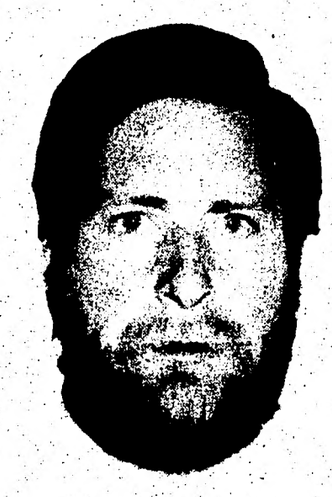
After studying physics at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Liberman spent a year each in New York and Montreal, working with the North American Zionist Youth movements and Hashomer Hatzair before returning to Israel.

In 1989, along with his wife Ariella and their son Yinon, Liberman settled on Kibbutz Ein Dor. (They now have a second son, Dagan.) Liberman has held several positions as a kibbutznik, including Grade 5 and 6 teacher and managing director of computerized irrigation systems.

Because he is a Canadian who made aliyah to a kibbutz, Liberman feels he has a "unique advantage" as a representative of the Kibbutz Artzi Federation (Israel's national kibbutz federation), under whose umbrella Hashomer Hatzair falls. His role as shaliach also includes directorship of Camp Shomria.

Liberman's task here is multifaceted and involves outreach to the Jewish community at large, he explained in a recent interview. He is also involved specifically with the Kibbutz Aliyah Desk and the Israel Youth Program Centre. He is an emissary of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency as well as the kibbutz federation.

"The centrality of Israel" is a phrase that comes up frequently when Liberman discusses his role as shaliach. "Centrality doesn't have to be expressed by going and living there. Being involved in Zionist youth movements and going on trips to Israel are other ways of expressing that centrality," he explains.



Tuvia Liberman

Liberman wants to "bring Israel a bit closer to the heart" for Toronto Jews. He sees that part of his task as one answer to the concern about Jewish continuity.

Although he is sorry not to be in Israel to witness firsthand and share in the excitement of the peace process, he feels that his work as a shaliach is important. "I believe in what I'm doing," he told *The CJN*.

Liberman, who lectured at Givat Haviva's Centre for Overseas Studies, is working closely with Canadian Friends of Givat Haviva. The educational institution, founded in 1949 to promote understanding between Israeli Arabs and Jews, is implementing new programs to enable Jews and Arabs in Israel to work together in light of the peace process, he said.

Liberman says he has encountered a misconception among a small part of the Canadian Jewish community about the risks Israel has to take for peace. "Israel — for its own needs — has to make peace based on territorial compromise. The argument today is not whether to do it, but to what degree," he says.

Seniors group sponsors discussion on violence

TORONTO — The causes of violence in the community are the subject of an all-day meeting Oct. 28 sponsored by the Association of Jewish Seniors at Pride of Israel Synagogue, 59 Lissom Cres., Willowdale.

The meeting is intended as both a learning experience and a method of advocacy to modify laws.

The subjects to be dealt with include the Canadian penal and parole systems, the Young Offender's Act, family abuse, violence in the media, education in the school and home and police protection.

The speakers are Councillor Norm Gardner, Judge Lauren Marshall, Eleanor Johnston, Ontario Film Review Board, Cheryl Mahyer, probation and parole officer, Diane MacInnis, Elder Abuse, Elsa Chandler, chair, North York Board of Education and Brian Welsh, case management officer, community police.

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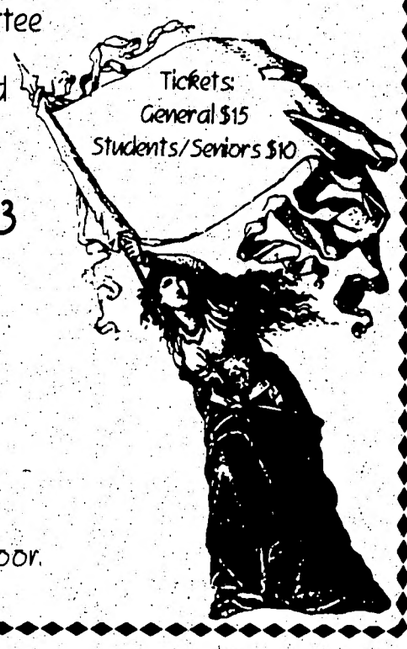

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Organizations and People

Conservative Jews set to gather at UTJ conference

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Over 100 rabbis, cantors, lay leaders and educators from across North America are expected to gather here between Oct. 31 and Nov. 3 for the annual conference of the U.S.-based Union for Traditional Judaism (UTJ), the movement representing Conservative Judaism's right flank.

It will be the first time "in recent Jewish memory" that all groups involved in Jewish religious life will sit down together to discuss the future of traditional Conservative Judaism, the UTJ says.

And the conference, the first to take place outside the United States, will provide an opportunity for Conservative clergy to check what they say is their movement's increasingly liberal bent.

Conservative leaders disenchanted with their movement have slowly come together over the years and the conference will allow them to map plans for how to promulgate "Conservadox" values.

The UTJ, based in Teaneck, N.J., offers rabbis a fellowship called the Morashah, which in short order has established itself as a full-fledged professional rabbinic body, offering pension plans, benefits and placement services.

Ontario's Conservative rabbis will explore the possibility of setting up a provincial branch of the Morashah.

Those on the right of Conservative Judaism, especially in Toronto, have waged a long, bitter and often public battle against their establishments, arguing that the movement as a whole was straying from strict adherence to Halachah and adopting contentious and, some claim, contradictory positions.

The conference will examine such sensitive issues as traditional Jewish feminism and reassessing the lay/clergy relationship.

Speakers will include Dr. Sylvia Barack-Fishman of Brandeis University, UTJ executive vice-president Rabbi Ronald Price, and the head of the UTJ's rabbinic seminary, Rabbi David Halivni.

There will also be various discussion groups, a cantorial concert and a dinner honoring five Conservative rabbis in Toronto for their outreach work: Wayne Allen, Irving Beigel, Joseph Kelman, Howard Markose and Philip Scheim. Guest speakers will be Israeli Gen. Uzi Narkiss and Eli Rubenstein, Israel's chief negotiator at the Madrid round of peace talks.

But the thrust, says conference co-chair Rabbi Allen of Beth Tikvah Congregation, will be establishing traditional Conservative Judaism as a major, growing force — almost an entity unto itself.

There is a natural alliance between traditional rabbis and the UTJ, established in 1983 to make Conservative Judaism more conservative.

The organization claims over 8,000 family members and some 350 member rabbis across North America. In 1990, it set up its own rabbinic seminary that ordains only men, partly because it rejected the ordination of female Conservative rabbis.

Toronto has been front and centre in the battle against the perceived liberal tilt of the Conservative movement, which the rabbinate here argues has emanated from the U.S.

Many point to the mid-1980s as a trigger for their disenchantment. It was then the Jewish Theological Seminary began ordaining women as rabbis.

The rift between Conservative rabbis here and their umbrella body, the Rabbinical Assembly (RA), came to a full boil last year.

Ontario's 18 Conservative rabbis came perilously close to breaking away from the RA and joining the UTJ, but the issue was defused because only the RA's New York headquarters has the power to dissolve a region.

Nevertheless, Rabbi Allen quit as the RA's Ontario president, and this past July, he left the RA altogether for the Morashah.

His and other rabbis' disillusionment stems from several controversial resolutions the RA has adopted over the years.

Among them were the formation of a commission to study human sexuality and another that allows Conservative rabbis to serve gay and lesbian congregations.

In 1990, Conservative rabbis voted to endorse full civil equality for homosexuals and said such Jews should be welcomed in synagogues.

Last year, the movement accepted a minority responsum that Conservative Judaism should no longer view homosexuality as an abomination.

But it also adopted a majority opinion that homosexuality is Torah-abhorrent.

For Rabbi Allen, those seemingly contradictory views proved too much.

So was the RA's recent decision not to admit homosexuals to the rabbinic seminary and not to ordain admitted homosexuals, but at the same time, not to expel an avowed Conservative homosexual rabbi.

Rabbi Allen calls those decisions "mind-boggling ... a mockery of Judaism."

For Rabbi Allen, another contradictory RA decision came when the body reaffirmed its exclusivity but has looked the other way when its rabbis join another professional body, such as the Morashah.

"That makes me feel like an illegal alien in my own organization. [The ruling] was unconscionable. It forced me to make a choice."

It all adds up, Rabbi Allen says, to making Conservative Judaism "look silly."

"[The issue of] whether there is room for traditional Judaism [within the Conservative movement] has not gone away," he told *The CJN*. "It's still an agonizing issue to determine."

The RA, he adds, "has been unable and unwilling to satisfy the fundamental requests" of traditional rabbis, among them to publicly state they are welcome. The body has acted with "imperiousness" in dealing with dissent.

"All" Conservative rabbis in Ontario are unhappy with their movement's direction, Rabbi Allen says, but many are unwilling to take the risk of quitting the RA.

He concedes that Conservative clergy in Canada are generally to the right of their American colleagues.

The strong words have also been heard from Ontario's traditional Conservative cantors, who broke away from the Cantors Assembly in 1991 and formed the International Federation of Traditional Cantors.

Mainly, their disaffection rose from their movement's decision to admit women.

This past summer, several Conservative cantors in Montreal broke away from the Cantors Assembly and joined the Orthodox Cantorial Council of America, also over the issue of female cantors and other developments not seen to be keeping with Halachah.

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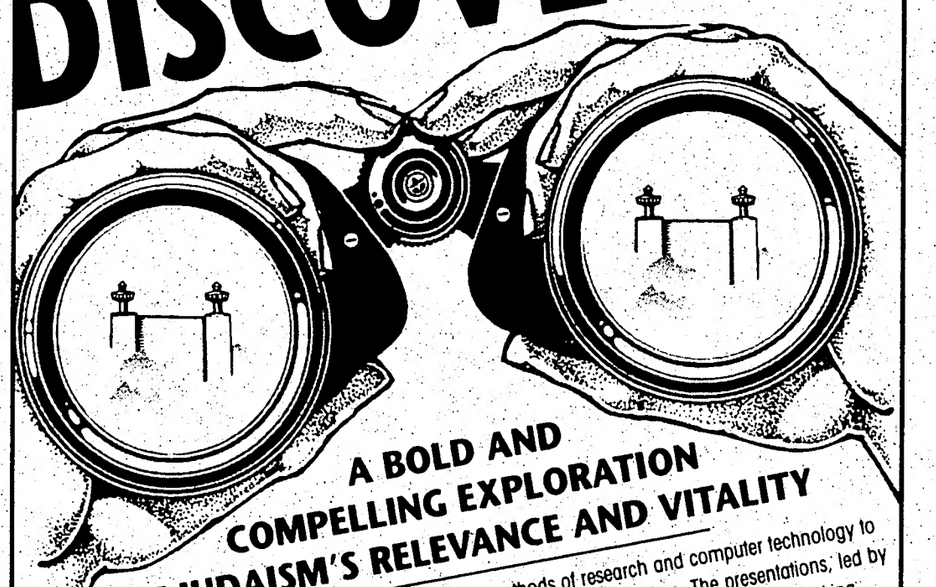

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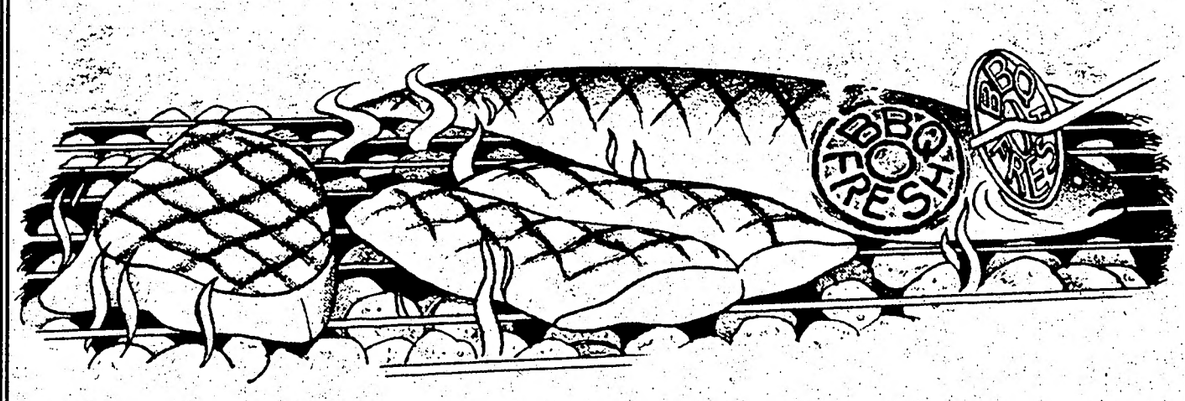

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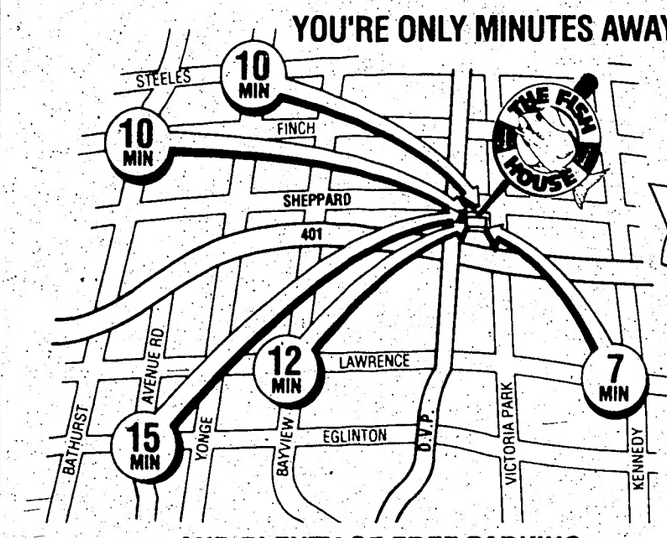

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Increased use of estrogen slammed by U.S. gynecologist

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — "There are a million drugs you can take for high blood pressure, but when we hit menopause, we only have estrogen. There's something wrong with that," said Florence Haseltine, an American gynecologist who spoke recently on Hidden Issues in Health Care Affecting Women.

Haseltine, who is director of the Washington, DC based Center for Population Research, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, was one of three speakers at a recent Day with Women of Science held at the Park Plaza Hotel. The event was co-sponsored by Weizmann Women for Science (Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science) and the University of Toronto's Faculty of Medicine.

Whether or not to use estrogen is becoming an increasingly important question as "the bulk of women baby boomers is now hitting their late 40s," Haseltine said.

Unanswered questions

There are still unanswered questions about estrogen, she noted. Women in their 40s who take estrogen often have a lower rate of heart disease, but many of them are taking the hormone because of surgical menopause. "We don't know if women who have natural menopause are subject to the same differences," said Haseltine.

Increased estrogen may also be linked with breast cancer, although Haseltine noted that estrogen doesn't appear to affect breast cancer at the dosages used in the United States. In Europe, she said, the statistics may be different.

The current interest in women's health in the United States "exploded" three years ago following the public revelation that women were not being included in medical studies. It was an "information revolution," said Haseltine, who credited the media for bringing the issue to the attention of the public. "Within two weeks, every press reporter would say [when a new study came out], 'But women weren't included'."

Haseltine, who has recently become interested in issues regarding menopause, also noted that a weight gain by menopausal women, common around the age of 50, may not be a bad thing.

"You make more estrogen if you're fatter, and you don't have osteoporosis as much, nor do you have as much cardiovascular disease as long as you don't get into the obesity category. It may be metabolically and physiologically normal to gain weight at that age." Haseltine cautioned, however, that she was not advocating a higher-fat diet.

Haseltine also attacked some misconceptions about breast cancer, which she says women fear more than heart disease. Although the incidence of breast cancer is rising, the mortality rate has not really changed, she said. This could be the result of earlier detection, better treatments or a different kind of breast cancer.

An increased rate of breast cancer is also partly reflective of an aging population, she noted.

As one of a family whose female members enjoyed longevity, Haseltine has a special interest in quality of life for older women. Whe would like to see more of them being able to avoid developing disabilities and suffering painful deaths.

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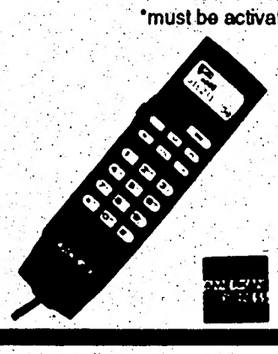

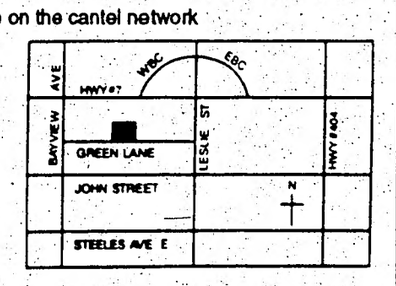

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CANTEL APPROVED AGENT

Granovsky a key player in Toronto NBA franchise

By PAUL LUNGEN

Phil Granovsky

TORONTO — Shortly after officials of the National Basketball Association (NBA) granted the Bitove Consortium the right to operate a franchise in Toronto, one of the group's partners described the key moment in their pitch on a radio sports show.

Borden Osmak, senior vice-president of the Bank of Nova Scotia, said NBA officials were particularly moved by a short but powerful address by Phil Granovsky, who appeared at the tail end of the proceedings.

The Bank of Nova Scotia was one member of the consortium, along with Granovsky, former Ontario premier David Peterson, Allan Slaight of Standard Broadcasting Corportaion, and John Bitove Jr., whose family owns the food concessions at SkyDome.

So what was the content of Granovsky's short but effective speech? Even today, the head of Atlantic Packaging is not saying much. "I spoke about my background in business, my community involvement and after that, I received quite a reception by the [NBA] committee," he said.

For Granovsky, 72, involvement in a major league pro team has been a long time coming — a dream come true, you could say.

In 1976, he was involved in an aborted bid to bring an American League baseball franchise to Toronto. The franchise was eventually granted to a group that included Labatt Breweries of Canada Ltd.

In 1979, he met with Joe Clark during his short tenure as prime minister to sound him out about bringing a National Football League franchise to Toronto. He was told at that time that the federal government would not take kindly to such a venture, as the Canadian Football League was seen as a force for national unity.

In the intervening years, Granovsky harbored the hope that one day he would be able to indulge his love of sports and become involved with a pro team in Toronto.

As a youth, he was an accomplished athlete in a variety of sports. He played football, baseball, basketball and was a sprinter.

A successful businessman, Granovsky got Atlantic Packaging on its feet in 1945 with several old machines. "It's grown since then," he modestly said of the multi-million dollar enterprise.

Granovsky has also held a variety of top communal volunteer posts, both locally and internationally. He has served as president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund (precursor to the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto), chair of the United Jewish Appeal, president of the United Israel Appeal (UIA) of Canada and he has served as chair or president of Keren Hayesod-UIA for the past 16 years.

Always a sports fan, in the 1960s he and his wife travelled to Buffalo to view NBA games, also attending many of that franchise's contests when they were played in Toronto. He can also indulge his love of sport in corporate boxes in Maple Leaf Gardens and the SkyDome.

Early in 1993, he received a call that gave a hint that he might be able to combine his love of sports with a sound business opportunity.

Peterson was on the line, asking if he'd be interested in joining a select group of high-profile partners determined to win in the bidding war for a Toronto NBA franchise. Granovsky, struck by the quality of the partnership group, agreed.

The group's hard work and preparations all came together in New York, when the NBA choose them over the competition, most notably the Palestra group headed by Joel Rose and Larry Tanenbaum and a group fronted by former star player Magic Johnson. A fourth group representing Vancouver was also turned down.

Granovsky believes their lock on a prime piece of land for an arena (beside the Eaton Centre on a subway line) and the impressive presentation by the architect was what swayed the NBA committee in their favor.

The land will go to the Bitove group through a 99-year lease, Granovsky said. The building, which will seat between 20,000 and 22,000 for basketball, will also be used for concerts and other revenue-producing attractions, but not for hockey, he added.

As to the entry fee into the league, Granovsky played his cards close to the vest. Though speculation suggests it's in the vicinity of $100 million U.S., Granovsky said the final figure is yet to be worked out. That will depend on a number of factors, including the outcome of talks between the league and the players, details of the Toronto team's participation in a U.S. national television deal, the team's portion of revenue from souvenir sales and other factors.

In the meantime, Granovsky is basking in the satisfaction his involvment is bringing him. "It's a new interest for me," he said. "It's exciting. My family is excited."

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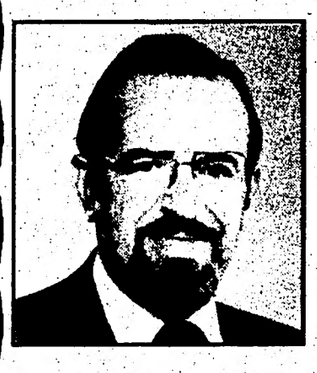

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Bat mitzvah tzedakah

By DEBBIE LIGHTSTONE

Sheryl Saperia receives a plaque in appreciation of her bat mitzvah donation from Alex Eisen, chair of fundraising for Beit Halochem Canada.

TORONTO — When Sheryl Saperia celebrated her bat mitzvah last May, she chose to donate some of her gift money to buy a wheelchair for Jerusalem's new Beit Halochem rehabilitation and sports centre for disabled Israeli war veterans.

"I didn't even consider taking my bat mitzvah money and spending it. I always knew I would use it for a purpose. And I knew I wanted to do something for Israeli soldiers," she said.

Since her early years at her school, Bialik, Sheryl has been active in a program that involved sending money and gifts and exchanging letters with young Israelis in the army. Her contribution to Beit Halochem was a natural extension of that.

"When Sheryl started preparing last December, we spent a lot of time discussing the meaning of her bat mitzvah, and the increased personal, religious and communal responsibility it involved," explained her mother, Eva.

"The bat mitzvah gave us an opportunity to express some of our feelings and values, what we think is important about being Jewish. Two of those values are love of Israel and tzedakah (charity)," she said.

Sheryl's feelings for Israel were influenced by her parents, and by her years at Bialik and her summers at Camp Ramah.

She described her excitement as she and her fellow students at Bialik watched the live broadcast of the signing of the peace accord between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

"I was thrilled. I do think it can happen, that there can be peace. Maybe not immediately, but it can be. I felt I was seeing history being made. Now I'll be able to say: I was a kid when peace was made between Israel and the PLO."

Shaila Gottlieb, president of Beit Halochem Canada, welcomed Sheryl's contribution.

She noted that students at Hebrew schools have collected significant sums for Beit Halochem. One class raised $18,000 by selling falafel and washing cars.

Gottlieb believes it's important for Jewish children as well as adults to be aware of the price Israeli soldiers have paid for their country's security.

"The peace process will not happen overnight. There will still be people injured, and there are still 40,000 disabled vets who have to live their lives as disabled people. We have to provide for them.

"We don't fight and we don't send our kids to war, but we have a responsibility and a debt to those who do," Gottlieb said.

Alex Eisen, chair of fund-raising for Beit Halochem Canada, also applauded Sheryl's generosity.

"I think it's great. She enhanced her bat mitzvah and made it more meaningful. Sharing your simcha with someone who's less fortunate is the mitzvah part of it. You're helping a fellow Jew who was wounded fighting for the freedom of all Jews. We can't restore their eyesight or their limbs, but we can give money to make them comfortable."

He estimates that there are 20 to 30 bar and bat Mitzvah celebrations in Toronto every week.

"If each child gave something to Beit Halochem, it would be wonderful. Beit Halochem has received donations ranging from $10 to a quarter of a million. A hundred dollars, $500 or $1,000 would be great. The veterans' rehab centres in Israel are so crowded, and unfortunately the number of disabled is growing every day."

There are currently three centres, in Tel Aviv, Haifa and Nahariya. The new rehab and sports facility now being built in Jerusalem will accomodate wounded veterans who live there and those from other parts of the country who study at the Hebrew University.

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One of the recently highlighted cases emphasizes the importance of thoroughly checking exclusions. In that instance, the insurer refused to pay medical bills due to a clause that excluded coverage if a related health problem required new or changed medication within 90 days of application for a policy.

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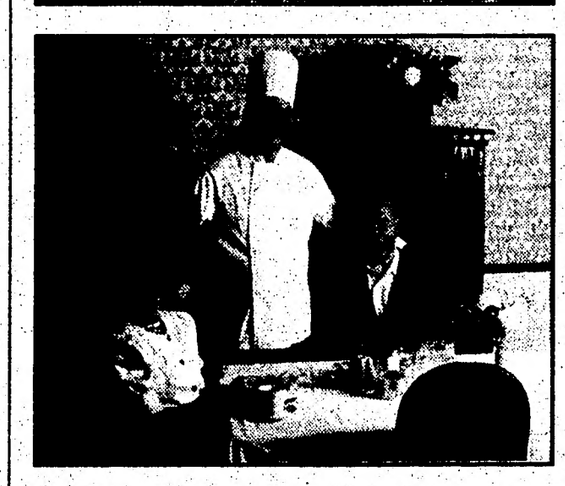

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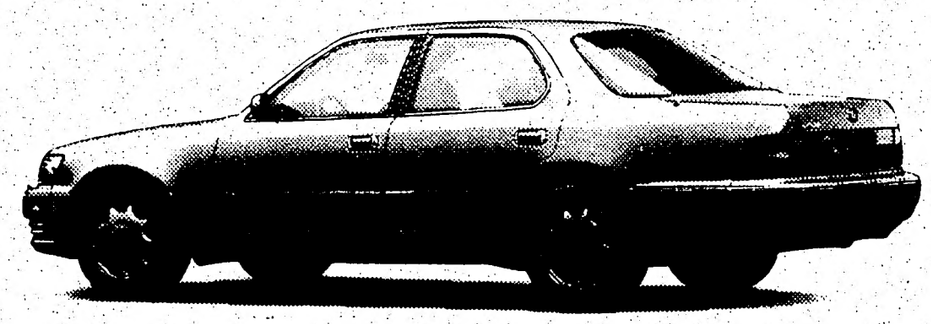

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Arts

Brighton Beach Memoirs recalls happier days

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — You may end up feeling happy and sad at *Brighton Beach Memoirs* which opened the new season at Leah Posluns Theatre and runs to Nov. 7.

For anyone who grew up in the 30s, the play evokes warm memories and lots of laughs, but at the same time there is the inevitable feeling that Neil Simon's play will never happen again.

Jewish home life is no longer the scene of extended families--a widow and two daughters bed in with a sister's family--as it was in the Great Depression. And, perhaps even more importantly, the awakening sex drives of a teenage boy and the tendency to fix them on young women as sex objects are somewhat passé as dramatic fodder.

Be that as it may, and even if you consider it as a requiem for *Brighton Beach Memoirs* you'll absolutely identify with 15-year-old Eugene Morris Jerome (Garth Kravitz)as he emulates pitcher Red Ruffing of the New York Yankees in the 1937 World Series.

Kravitz, the only American in the seven-member cast, gives a superb performance as the sports-mad teenager who describes his mother's favorite dish of liver and cabbage as "Jewish medical torture," and moans that he'll never make the Yankees who want Italian players because his mother serves ketchup with spaghetti. The family is so strapped for cash that when Eugene is sent for a two-pound bag of flour he says the grocer will demand an identity card.

Kravitz and his 18-year-old brother, Stanley,(Alexander Poch-Goldin) have the plum roles and the best lines in this play and whether it's Simon's intent or the direction by Reva Stern, the four women in this play, Eugene's mother and aunt, and his two cousins, always seem to be on the fringe. Even the other man, Eugene's father Jack (Harve Sokoloff) is rather tentative in his opening scenes and doesn't make any impact until the closing moments.

On the other hand, Kravitz and Poch-Goldin (a 28-year-old Montreal Jew who has lived in Toronto for seven years) never miss a beat, and anyone who has an older brother, knows that they are strictly for real. Where, in any medical textbook, would you find as charming and explicit explanation of masterbation as Stanley provides for Eugene.

The plot is super soap opera, but, then again, what Jewish family in the 30s didn't have trouble putting food on the table, and didn't have people moonlighting to make ends meet.

It's to Simon's credit that, even then, he could see strains of intolerance developing in Jewish families, partly as a result of tough economic times, and he has aunt Blanche (Deedee Langford) eloquently defend an Irish family living across the street. "Don't refer to them as those people," she sternly lectures Eugene's mother Kate (Linda Goranson).

Cast of Brighton Beach Memoirs (from left) Julie Tepperman, Dee Dee Langford, Linda Goranson, Garth Kravits, and Harve Sokoloff.

The set by Samantha Burson seemed to keep the performers too far apart, it was too spread out. Did we really need that space for the back yard? At times, the action lagged while cousins Nora and Laurie (Raquel Duffy and Julie Tepperman, a Unionville High school student)climbed the stairs to the bedrooms.

There is hardly any bad news that doesn't happen to the Jerome family--father loses a part-time job, widow Blanche's date doesn't show up, Stanley loses his $17 weekly pay in a poker game, Blanche and Kate have a fight, Nora is refused permission to take a job in a Broadway musical, Laurie has a fluttering heart. There is one piece of good news--Jack's cousins escape from Poland and are due to join the household.

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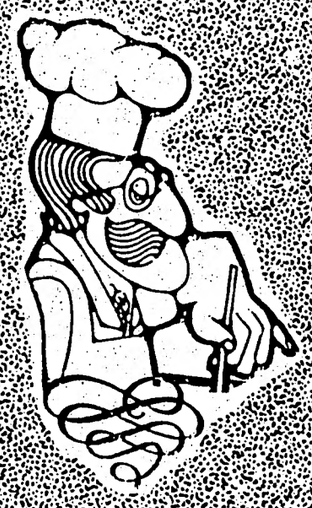

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Cherniak elicits artist's help in anti-racism poster campaign

By F. J. MACKINNON

TORONTO — "Nobody tells me what to do," asserts Toronto artist and activist Mendelson Joe. But he bent the rule just a little bit recently when Lisa Cherniak asked him to do the artwork for Artists Against Racism, a national anti-racism poster campaign.

Cherniak, a Toronto writer, decided to organize the campaign after receiving hate mail in response to an article on anti-Semitism which she wrote for the *Globe and Mail*. Sam the Record Man has agreed to print the poster's design in 150,000 copies of its *Network Magazine* and will be displaying and distributing the poster in their stores.

Mendelson says that Cherniak even went so far as to tell him what to paint.

"I can be told what to do only if I respect the teller," says Mendelson. "Normally, no one can tell me what to do. That's not something I do. But I respect her, I respect what she's doing, and she told me the image she had in mind for this poster. So I saw it as my job to describe, complement and illustrate her words."

Mendelson Joe says that he got involved in the project because "racism is alive and well here." For her part, Cherniak decided to do something when, in addition to receiving hate mail, she heard that white supremacist groups were handing out pamphlets on the streets, recruiting youth at concerts, and even shoving them in students' lockers at schools. "I wanted to do something that was permanent," says Cherniak. "I was trying to think of something to do to combat what the white supremacists were saying and to educate youth in a positive sense not just about Jews but about any minority — that we all come from the same place and we're one people."

Distributed through schools

The poster, which will include the names of prominent artists and musicians supporting the project, will be distributed throughout schools, colleges, and universities all across Canada.

Some supporters of the project so far include children's songwriter and performer Raffi, musician Bob Wiseman, the rock group Rush, and comedian/actor Angela Dohrmann. Organizations lending support are The Canadian Native Arts Foundation and the Urban Alliance on Race Relations.

"We're still approaching people," says Cherniak, "but of the major artists we've contacted directly, most have responded positively.

"Kids look up to artists and are influenced by them," says Cherniak. "We hope kids'll recognize the meaning of the poster and that they'll think about it when confronted with racist material."

Mendelson Joe, who calls himself an "idealist realist," says he hopes the poster will provoke more awareness and discussion.

"You know what matters? Dialogue," he says. "Dialogue is nonviolent. Most people are not going to embrace their fellow human beings without it."

Though the concept was Cherniak's, the painting itself is recognizably Mendelson Joe's in its use of bold primary colors and in the innocent naivete of its figures. Above the focal image of the earth and people is a simply written caption urging ethnic and racial tolerance.

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Path of the Righteous: Gentile Rescuers of Jews During the Holocaust, by Mordecai Paldiel ($35, KTAV Publishing House).

On Jan. 29, 1943, the German SS executed 15 Poles in the village of Wierbicz, including a 2-year-old child, for attempting to save Jews. There were many similar episodes. In the village of Biala, 96 Polish men were murdered for hiding and feeding Jews. Bernard Lichtenberg, a Berlin priest, was arrested after he had publicly prayed for Jews. He was sent to Dachau, where he perished.

How many rescuers or protectors of Jews were there in the German-occupied countries? Certainly too few, but their numbers reached into the thousands. It has been estimated that as many as 2,500 Poles were executed by the Nazis for their actions on behalf of Jews.

One must consider what has been called "the conspiracy of goodness." This means that for every family that hid Jews there had to be knowledge and co-operation on the part of others such as the grocer, the milkman and sometimes even the local policeman.

As time goes on, more and more stories are emerging of survivors who are alive today because of ordinary men and women who could not stand seeing the blood of their neighbors shed. These compassionate ones were animated by feelings of concern, responsibility and love. Often the motivation was religious in nature.

John H. Weidner of the Netherlands explained: "They were God's children, they were human beings. I felt the hand of God leading me onward. Those countries' refugees needed the help of a compassionate friend. They needed to see some sign of God's love amid the torment and terror of this awful war."

Said Lithuanian Ona Simaita, "When the Germans imprisoned the Jews of Vilna behind the walls of the ghetto I was unable to do my work [as a librarian]. I could not sit in my workroom, I could not eat; I was ashamed not to be Jewish. I felt I had to do something."

Paldiel, the author of this astonishing work, is director of the Yad Vashem Section on Righteous Gentiles and a Holocaust survivor.

His story is poignant. He and his parents sought refuge in southern France and were rescued by a village priest who helped the family escape to Switzerland.

From the Yad Vashem files in Jerusalem, the author recounts the inspiring stories of several hundred men and women who saved Jews, almost always at the risk of their lives.

Some of the stories are almost beyond belief: a lowly Polish sewer worker hid 17 Jews for 14 months in the rat-infested sewers of Lvov; the French villagers of Le Shambon Sur Lignon defied the Gestapo and saved 5,000 Jews from destruction; Dr. Elizabeth Abegg made her Berlin home a haven where Jews gathered for decent food and a brief respite from terror.

In Strij, Poland, seven Jews were hidden behind a closet in the apartment of a Gentile neighbor. When a baby was born to one of the women, the father was forced to strangle his newborn child. The group survived.

The Jewish community is properly concerned with ferreting out and punishing Nazi war criminals. But what about honoring those who were on the side of light and goodness? Do we care enough? Who, for instance, were the people who hid Anne Frank and her family? What happened to them after the Franks were betrayed?

The author indicates that to date, 10,000 non Jews have been recognized by Yad Vashem. The behavior of these courageous men and women refutes the widespread sentiment that human nature is nothing but nasty and brutish.

This remarkable book cries out to us to remember the evil but not to forget the good. It provides irrefutable testimony to the indomitability of the human spirit.

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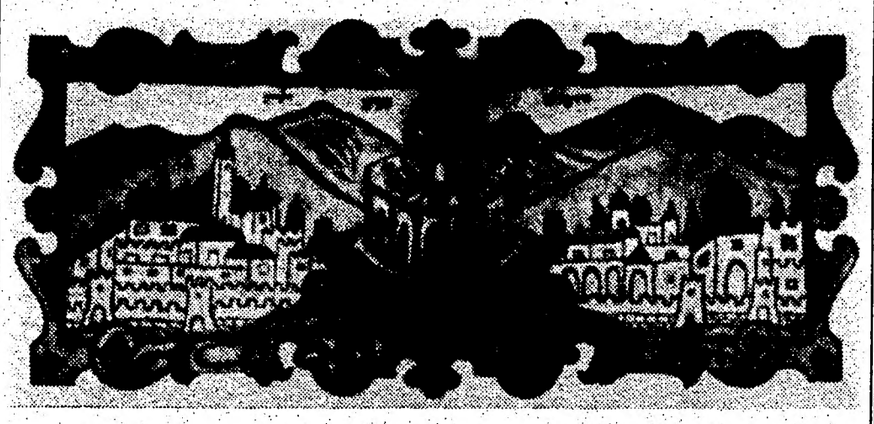

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Arts

Shlomo Carlebach included in storytelling festival

By JACK KOHANE

TORONTO — Connections is the theme of the second annual Jewish Storytelling Festival to be held at the Barbara Frum Library, 20 Covington Rd., on Oct. 24.

Among the featured guest artists will be Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach of New York City, known for his heart-warming renditions of stories from the Torah and the shtetls of Eastern Europe. Also attending with his unique blend of music and the spoken word is Doug Lipman.

"We are being deluged by requests for tickets," said festival co-ordinator Leslie Robbins.

Robbins is herself an accomplished story teller. As executive director of Jewish Storytelling Arts (Ontario), she has seen interest growing in this particular art form.

"I am heartened to see so many people coming out to our centre at Beth Habonim on Glen Park to develop their skills," she said.

Because of the new popularity of storytelling, Robbins added morning workshops to the festival. These three-hour sessions in story telling introduce the wit, wisdom and art of storytelling. Experts will impart their knowledge of the method and technique needed to make the art form a truly vibrant experience for tellers and audiences alike.

"This is, of course, nothing new to the Jewish people," adds Robbins. "Storytelling to illustrate moral and social issues has been an integral weave in the fabric of Judaic culture for five millenia."

Robbins will be presenting a series of stories about the Holocaust written by those who were immersed in the centre of it. The writings were selected for their emphasis on hope, faith and the indomitable human spirit.

"As the Holocaust fades further into the mists of history, retelling of these firsthand accounts will ensure that the memory and lessons of that unparalleled human horror will stay with us forever," she said.

Guest artist describes story telling as a "warm medium," one that is a group process wherein teller and audience interact on intimate and emotional levels.

According to Doug Lipman, storytelling has before, and always shall, outlive political dogmas along with their attendant institutions.

Lipman has brought his songs of inspiration and stories of spiritual celebration to schools and congregations across the United States. He said that he sess this art form as a a personal kinship with Judaism. While his own upbringing was not focused on traditional Jewish teachings, he said that "it only took one workshop given by Shlomo Carlebach to get me hooked on storytelling."

For more information about the festival, call 483-3082.

Moise is both funny, tender

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —I know *Jeopardy!* is on then. I know that the baseball playoffs will still be going on. But do your best anyway to see the film *Moise*, a touching, tender, occasionally funny story of a music student, a baby-on-the-doorstep, and a chassidic couple desperately wanting a child.

It will be shown on Vision TV on Oct. 20, at 7:30 p.m., part of "The Curious Eye Series."

It is actually trilingual, with English subtitles translating both French and Yiddish dialogue.

The story, written by Michelle Allen, tells of Helene, a young, single mother who is offered a music scholarship to Juilliard School of Music. The only problem, is that she has a four-month-old baby, who she can't take with her. In desperation, she leaves the baby on the doorstep of Sarah and Samuel.

Sarah sees the child as a miracle, the answer to her prayers; Samuel waffles, seeking an answer in prayer and through consultation with his rabbi.

Howard Goldberg's direction is commendable; scenes flash from the mother, ferociously playing the piano as a single tear falls down her face, and seeing babies wherever she turns, to the couple, playfully putting a black hat on the baby's head and singing to their new treasure, and Samuel mindlessly cutting slice after slice of bread when Helene returns for her baby.

Not for the world would I divulge the ending of this film — it couldn't be more perfect any which way.

By no means does Goldberg give in to the temptation to show the Chassidim in a patronizing light. The rabbi, told about the situation, raises a quizical eyebrow to Samuel and demands "You're not kidding?"

I especially liked Sarah's answer when Samuel was trying to think up all kinds of halachic objections to keeping the baby. She answers him, halachically, and retorts "I know just as much Torah as you do!"

You really sympathize with Helene who, told by Samuel to close her revealing jacket, responds bewilderedly "Why? I'm not cold."

The acting is good, especially Aron Tager as the rabbi and Pascale Bussieres as Helene. While Sarah, Chantal Beaupre and Samuel, Alexis Martin, are obviously (sometimes too obviously) not Jewish, they play their parts sympathetically.

Background music composed, arranged or adapted by David Buchbinder and played by the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band, is very effective.

OK, one might wish that they had checked the Jewish aspects of the film with someone Jewish — they might have caught the mezuzzah pointing backwards.

But really, who cares? The film is well worth seeing.

Author tells his story through a child's eye

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — In author Sheldon Oberman's latest stories, it is 1961 once more. The talk is of Diefenbaker and the Cuban Missile Crisis, and 10-year-old Danny Stein is sitting heartbroken on a Winnipeg verandah on a summer evening because his first love has just left on another date.

Oberman is a man of many parts. The long-time English teacher at Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate has directed short films, written songs for Fred Penner, dabbled in journalism and written several children's books in a varied career. He has also put together an anthology of Canadian Jewish literature.

His latest book, *This Business With Elijah*, ia a series of short stories. While intended for an adult audience, much of it is still presented through the eyes of a child.

"It's all the same no matter whether you are writing for children or adults," Oberman told an audience at a book launching earlier this month.

Oberman said *This Business With Elijah* is based on his memories of childhood. "This is a story about an 11-year-old boy, and a middle-aged man remembering when he was an 11-year-old boy. While growing up (over the family clothing store) on Inkster and Main, I saw a lot. A writer does the best he can with the world he comes from."

The book consists of 16 interconnected short stories covering a period from 1961 to the fall of 1962. Half the stories are told through the boy's eyes while the rest filtered through the eyes of the adults around him. Like Oberman, Danny Stein lives above the family clothing store but the author insists that the stories are all fiction.

"I am not Danny and his parents are not my parents," he said, "but I did take a lot from the past and the energy and color of childhood."

Oberman has dedicated the book to his parents, Allan and Dorothy, who were present at the reading. The publisher is Turnstone Press of Winnipeg.

Oberman's newest children's book, *The Always Prayer Shawl*, is scheduled to be released early in 1994. He is also turning this book into a play for the Winnipeg Jewish Theatre.

Eye on Arts

When John Arpin plays the piano, people listen, sing along and generally have a good time.

Arpin, who will perform on Nov. 28, in the first concert of the 1993-94 Musica Beth Tivkah series, is a pianist, composer and arranger with an international reputation.

Arpin appears regularly at the McMichael Gallery and has performed in most of Toronto's top clubs as a soloist and as a leader of his own trio. His repertoire runs the range of popular music, from turn of the century classics to present day chart toppers. Arpin also performs traditional jazz, novelty piano, stride piano, bebop, film and stage songs, standards and classics.

For his appearance at Beth Tikvah, Arpin will play a selection of popular music by Jewish composers, including Gershwin, Rogers, Berlin and Kern. As part of the program, the audience will be invited to join in a sing-along, cabaret style.

For further information, contact the synagogue at 221-3433.

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Buffalo's 9th annual Jewish Film Festival will take place Oct. 23-28 at Amherst Theatre, University Plaza, 3500 Main St.

The festival, sponsored by the Jewish Community Centre of Greater Buffalo, will feature films from Israel, Canada, Poland, the United States, France, Hungary, Great Britain, Mexico, Argentina, West Germany, Sweden, Russia and Czechoslovakia.

Among the films are *Like A Bride* from Mexico, *Get Thee Out (Go Away)* from Russia, *Black to the Promised Land*, a U.S.-Israeli production, *True Confections* from Canada, *Leon the Pig Farmer* from England, *Sofie*, the first film directed by Liv Ullmann, *Memories of A River*, from Hungary and *Utz*, from The Netherlands.

For further information call (718) 688-4033.

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Ontario-Lt.-Gov. Henry Jackman payed tribute to entrepreneur Ed Mirvish at the recent launching of Mirvish's new book, *Honest Ed Mirvish, How to Build an Empire on an Orange Crate*, *The CJN's* Ben Rose reports.

"You are a role model for us all," he said. "You can't live in Toronto without knowing who Ed Mirvish is. Thank you for being a Canadian."

Later Jackman and Mirvish cut the first piece of a huge cake in the form of a book which was donated to the Barton Nursing Home on Bathurst.

The book launching, attended by scores of civic leaders and celebrities, took place in the elegant Princess of Wales Theatre which Mirvish and his son, David, built to house *Miss Saigon*.

"In the 79 years I forgot a lot, but when the publisher said 'I'll pay you' I remembered everything," Mirvish said. "I always wanted to be an author, now I *are* one."

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An exciting exhibition and sale of contemporary Israeli art will be held Oct. 23-30 in Hazelton Lanes in support of the Neonatology Intensive Care Unit at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre.

Featured are original paintings and lithographs by 15 noted Israeli artists, including Heddy Kun, Tarkay, Nitza Flanz, Maimon, Miriam Dauber and Ben Avram.

Known as Jerusalem's "Hospital With a Heart," Shaare Zedek has one of Israel's largest and most renowned neonatology departments, for the care of at-risk newborns.

The show will begin with an evening cocktail reception for invited guests on Saturday Oct. 23, and will be open to the public for the balance of the week on the second level, new wing, of Hazelton Lanes. The premises have been donated by Hazelton Lanes.

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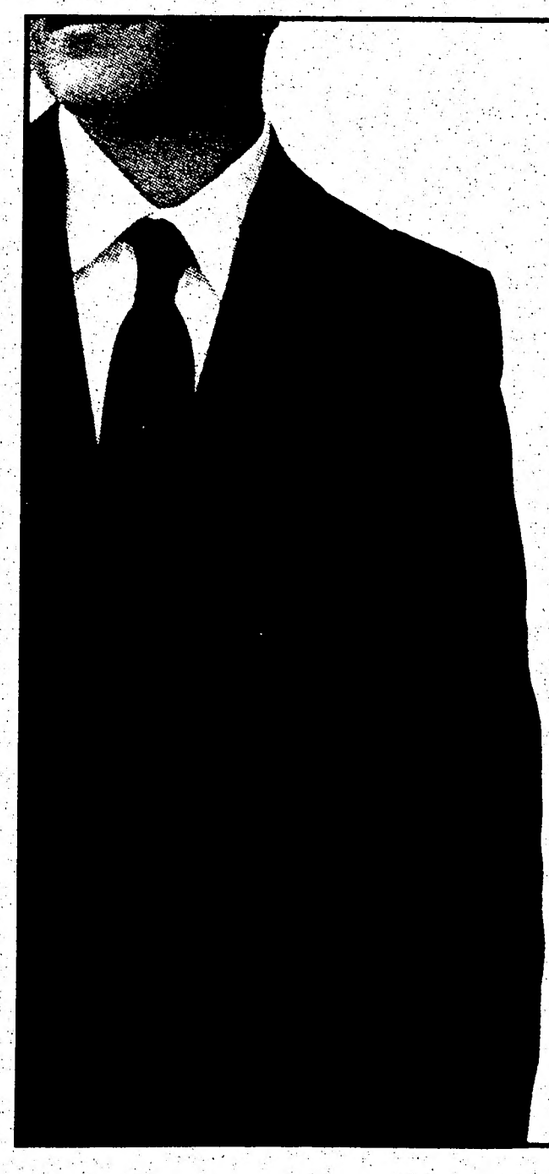

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Bullfights part of Portugal

By MALKA WALDNER

VILA FRANCA DE XIRA, Portugal — We were on our way north to Portugal's glamorous Atlantic coast, to the snobbish resort towns of Estoril and Cascais. I anticipated the drop-dead European designer shopping, the first-class dining, and the parade of jet-setters schmoozing in the lobby of the notorious Hotel Palacio, a World War II setting for espionage and intrigue.

Jaoquim Santos Lima, one of our hosts in Portugal, persuaded us to make a little 45-minute detour to the countryside of Ribatejo province, Portugal's agricultural heartland, 60 kilometres northeast of Lisbon. He graciously invited us to experience the "real" Portugal, at his brother's quinta, an almost 200-year-old bull-breeding farm.

I reluctantly agreed. I dread the countryside. Most of my trips to pastoral havens have been disasters, from passing out at 6,000 feet in the scenic Kapoanik Mountains in Serbia to getting dismally lost in a fog in the Venetian countryside.

We took Portugal's super highway, the autostrada, north past the town of Vila Franca de Xira and followed the peaceful wine route, a wide vine-combed plain flanked by rolling hills and olive groves to the gates of the farm. The "farm" is a vast 700-acre cattle ranch called Quinta Do Gaio De Baixo (the Blue-Jay Ranch).

The ranch has been in the Santos Lima family since 1807, and is a huge spread of rich grazing lands, rice fields and cork forests typical of northern Ribatejo. The low-lying lands produce most of the country's beef and equestrian centres to rival the famous Spanish Riding School in Vienna. Since the 16th century, Ribatejo has been the home to the wild bulls of the Portugese bullfight.

Our host, Pedro Lima, is a man who is so proud of his stock of bulls that he insists we get a close look at the animals. We are close, perhaps 60 metres away, from a herd of black fighting bulls. Pedro tells us not to move or talk. A sudden noise can disturb the animals. The wild bulls, toros bravos, gaze at us attentively across a narrow stream. I hold my breath and wait for them to charge.

These are wild animals, not domesticated steer, and if they feel insecure they will attack anything that moves. Bulls have been known to charge trucks and even trains with a complete disregard for risk or pain. When a grown bull attacks, a half-ton of wild animal charges at 20 to 30 kilometres an hour. Pedro breaks the afternoon silence by quietly telling us not to worry, because wild bulls in a herd attack only 20 percent of the time. I am skeptical.

Back at the ranch, Pedro tells us that since 1933, Portugese bullfighting has not allowed the killing of the bull in the ring. It is a different spectacle from the bloody Spanish bullfight where the bull is slain by a matador.

The sport began in the 16th century as a way to train horses and the nobility for battle. The Portugese eliminated the killing of the bull but kept the cavalier horseman dressed in the romantic silk and satin livery of an 18th-century nobleman. This form of bullfighting is a precision ballet, "a theatre," that is executed by the rider and his stallion to get near the bull. The violent goring of horse and rider that is common in Spain is avoided by using leather sheaths to cover the bull's horns.

Several equestrian centres and ranches in the Ribatejo region have small bullrings to test the aggressiveness and fighting power of bull calves. Most farmers in the region have been financially hurt by the world recession, and have invited tourism into their homes. Quinta Do Gaio offers a day at the ranch with tourists getting a chance in the bullring during a mock fight.

If the experience of the amateur bullring leaves you craving for more, and if you are truly brave, an aficion, one who shows a passion to fight bulls, then you are ready for the Portugese version of the Pamplona-style running of the bulls. During the first weekend of July, the town of Vila Franca de Xira, 32 kilometres from Lisbon, stages the popular Colete Encarnado, the Red Waistcoat Festival.

The festival is a major event of the Ribatejo bullfighting season. Most of Vila Franca's 25,000 people turn out to watch the bulls running from the safety of windows and upper balconies. The animals are full-grown four- or five-year-olds with dangerous horns. They run through the barricaded streets leading to the town's Palha Blanco bullring, one of the largest in Portugal.

We left the ranch in the afternoon, and travelled further north, 135 kilometres northeast of Lisbon. The drive took us through serene hilly wine country to Ribatejo's most beautiful medieval town, Tomar. This is a fabled centre, a Portugese Camelot, linked with the reconquest of Portugal from the Moors. From the 12th to the 17th century, the ancient town was the headquarters of the formidable Knights of Christ, warrior monks who built the sprawling fortress-like palaca, the Convento de Cristo, on an imposing hill outside the town.

Under the shadow of the fortress, down the winding cobbled streets of Tomar, we arrive in the narrow street called Rua da Judiaria (Jewry Street). During the 15th century, the street had gates on each end and housed a Jewish market, three or four houses and a synagogue.

Tours can be arranged through the Tomar tourist office with Luiz Vasga, the curator of Tomar's 15th-century synagogue. The one-room synagogue is one of two surviving medieval Jewish monuments in Portugal.

It was dark when we left Ribatejo, and by mistake we took a detour that led us through endless plains and walled medieval towns instead of west to the bright lights of Estoril. We decided to just keep on going, and that is another story.

(For more information on Ribatejo and Portugal, contact the Portugese National Tourist Office at (416) 921-7376. For further information on spending a day at Quinta Do Gaio write Mario Santos Lima, Quinta Do Gaio De Baixo, 2070 Cartaxo, Portugal, Tel.: 770943.)

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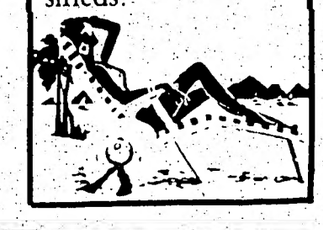

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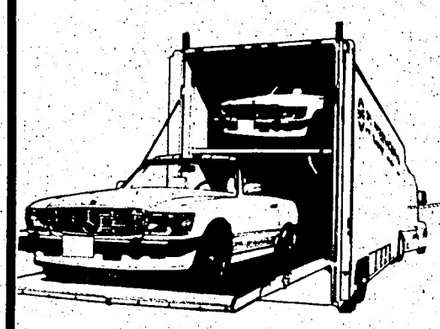

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Israel's economic future bright

By SEVER PLOTZKER

In five years Israel will be one of the world's three leading and most competitive economies — this is the surprising conclusion of a comprehensive international study conducted recently by the Swiss Banks' Association.

The study, conducted and completed before the signing of the Israeli-Palestinian agreement, determines that within five years, the Israeli economy will soar to third place in the world in terms of competitiveness and efficiency of production, surpassed only by South Korea and China.

At that time, being one of the world's three leading economies, Israel will surpass Japan, Hong Kong, the United States, Germany, Australia, and about 40 other countries.

The study, whose conclusions are now being released for the first time, was recently conducted by the Swiss Banks' Association, in collaboration with leading international universities and economic institutions.

The study examined in depth the economic and social conditions now prevailing in dozens of countries around the world. Among other measures, the following were examined: the relationship between capital and labor; investments in education; the technology level; the efficiency of production; the human capital stock; and exports.

On the basis of these in-depth studies, a forecast was conducted on the question: Which will be the world's leading economies as of 1998? It was determined that Israel, which today is only number 24 in the world in terms of competitiveness, will soar within five years to the third place on the list, leaving behind dozens of very developed countries.

Israel-China deal strengthens ties

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's historic trip to China, intended to strengthen diplomatic ties and to enhance China's role in the Middle East, has already yielded several joint economic agreements.

Rabin's five-day visit, the first ever to Beijing by an Israeli prime minister, included a meeting with Chinese Premier Li Peng.

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said Li viewed the Israeli-PLO accord signed last month in Washington as a breakthrough. Li had told Rabin that his country would do what it could to support the Middle East peace process, but that its role was limited.

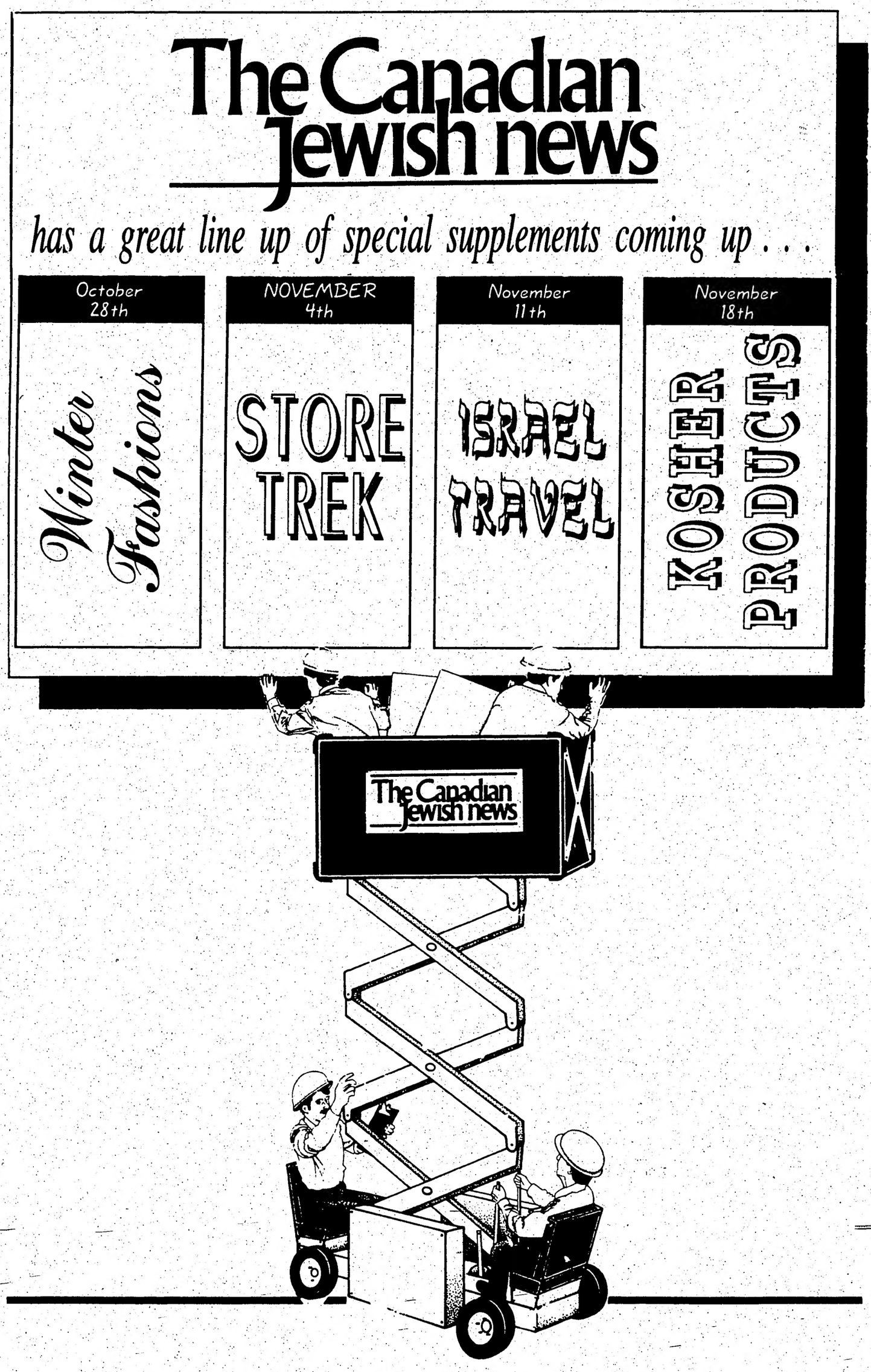
Israel and China signed a series of bilateral commercial agreements intended to strengthen ties between the two countries.

The first agreement signed by Rabin after his meeting with the Chinese premier was an aviation pact that made formal the present arrangement under which El Al, for the past 14 months, has been flying weekly charter flights between Beijing and Ben-Gurion Airport in Israel. Air China is soon to start its own charter flights between the two countries.

Under the agreement, El Al will be able to fly to other cities in China in addition to Beijing. El Al will also be able to use Beijing as a stopover point for flights to other destinations in the Far East, such as Tokyo and Bangkok, Thailand.

Under the terms of a second agreement, the Israeli government-owned Dead Sea Industries will establish a potash plant in China. The $470 million plant will be built in the Shansi province on the Chinese border with Tibet. The Chinese government will hold a two-thirds interest in the jointly sponsored project.

About 50 employees of Dead Sea Industries will be stationed in China during the planning and construction phases of the plant. Some 500 Israeli engineers and technicians will also work on the project.



Major economic indicators mixed

JERUSALEM — Major economic indicators during the past two months were mixed.

According to Central Bureau of Statistics figures, there was an increase in private consumption and industrial production, while exports and income from tourism dropped after sharp increases at the beginning of the year. Similarly, imports of industrial raw materials, machinery, and other equipment, which tend to be precursors of increased industrial activity, dropped.

Bank Hapoalim's chief economist Petahia Bar-Shavit said some of the indicators were skewed by July's civil service strike in July, which blocked imports for nearly a month.

Industrial exports were flat during the past two months, compared to a 15 percent increase during May and June. By contrast, private consumption, as reflected by retail sales and consumer goods imports, increased. Retail sales grew 2 percent in the past two months, while consumer imports jumped 14-15 percent.

According to Bar-Shavit, economists have underestimated the quick integration of immigrants into the economy. In addition, the increase also reflects an improvement in the standard of living and an unforeseen jump in purchases of durable goods by veteran residents, he said.

Despite a drop of 12 percent in industrial investment in machinery, equipment, and vehicles over the past two months, Bar-Shavit sees a balanced and moderately growing economy. His optimism is based on the strong industrial production figures and the 1 percent drop in unemployment during the second quarter of the year.

Bar-Shavit predicted we will see more vigorous economic activity during the remaining third of the year, as the construction slowdown stops having a moderating impact on the economy.

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Investors' directory

Dynamax Publishing of Calgary recently announced the release of a directory, the first of its kind in Canada, to assist immigrant investors to identify good investment opportunities.

Until now, immigrants who wanted to come to Canada under the Immgrant Investor Program have only been able to obtain a list of fund managers from Immigration Canada. The potential investor must contact the fund managers individually to learn of each available investment, a difficult and time-consuming process.

According to publisher Jim Louie, this is where the *Investments Directory For Immigrant Investors To Canada* provides a unique source of information. Fund managers are invited to list their funds in the directory. Substantial investment information is included: the company history, its business objectives, the investment required, the payback schedule, whether or not the minimum investment offering has been reached, the risk factors involved and the expiry date of the offering. Additionally, biographies of the fund managers outlining their qualifications are included to help the investor assess the credibility of the offering. Thus, the fund managers have an opportunity to promote their products to potential clients, and the investors can compare the available offerings before making a decision.

Resident

The directory also contains a section explaining the point system used by Canadian immigration officials to decide whether or not an applicant will qualify for permanent resident status. Points are awarded for the level of education, years of vocational training, years of experience, specific occupational demand in Canada, age, knowledge of English or French, prearranged employment, assisting relatives in Canada, and so on.

The applicant must accumulate 70 points before he is eligible for Permanent Resident Status. If an applicant qualifies as an investor under the Immigrant Investor Program, he receives 45 bonus points, virtually assuring him of acceptance, provided he passes the medical and security clearances.

The Immigrant Investor Program offers Canadian companies an opportunity to raise up to $35 million in venture capital.

Employment

The immigrant investor must have a minimum net worth of $500,000 and, depending on the province, must commit a minimum of $250,000 to an investment fund acceptable to the federal government. The investment must be used in active business for at least five years, and be applied to a project that will create employment for Canadians.

Louie decided to create the *Investment Directory for Immigrant Investors* in 1992, after he discovered that in that year alone, there were over 100 offerings available under the Immigrant Investors program. It was clear that without a central listing of these opportunities, it would be impossible for a prospective immigrant investor to come to an informed decision.

The Investments Directory for Immigrant Investors is available in single issues or by yearly subscription both inside and outside of Canada. Louie anticipates that it will be of the most interest to prospective immigrant investors, fund managers, immigration lawyers and immigration consultants.

For more information call (403) 242-7454.

Computer system consultants aids firms with new software

By PERRY SHOOM

The computer has become an indispensable tool. Nowhere is it more important than in the home office and small business. It can function as a word processor, printing company, financial advisor, accountant, fax machine and voice mail system. This single box provides the small business or consultant with capabilities and financial savings which as recently as three years ago were unimaginable.

While most business possess some degree of computerization, few have managed to achieve the gains possible from this piece of equipment. Large businesses have the resources to maintain in-house specialists. Smaller businesses can gain this same expertise at a fraction of the cost through the use of a systems consultant.

A good systems consultant can assist in making the transition to a more automatic and efficient work environment. Their role consists of helping to determine which areas of the business have room for improvement and suggesting ways in which to improve efficiency or cut costs. In many cases, they may also be the ones to implement the changes. And they can be of assistance when it comes to training and providing guidance for future changes.

Following are the main classifications of computer software and some ideas as to how software package can be used.

Word Processing

This is more than just a way to prepare correspondence (although its value in this role more than justifies its cost). Preparation of letterhead and business cards on a word processor can save hundreds of dollars (sometimes more). Business information packages, internal forms, applications and newsletters can all be prepared. Imaginative use of fonts, styles and point size gives you most of the same capabilities as a typesetter. For those with more complex requirements, a desktop publishing package may be of value. However, word processing packages are more than adequate for most requirements.

Accounting

Why spend time logging entries into books and then paying hefty accounting fees. A low end accounting package eliminates the need to manually add totals and balance books. At the end of the year, the financial statements prepared by the software can eliminate the bulk of accounting fees. More sophisticated packages can manage accounts payable and accounts receivable. In many cases, one software package can eliminate the need for a bookkeeper.

Faxing

Fax machines, while inexpensive, have many hidden costs. Fax paper and long distance charges can be significant. Computer faxing is faster, less expensive and also provides additional benefits. Those with hefty phone bills can schedule long distance faxes when rates are lowest. Converting incoming faxes to your favorite word processor saves the need to retype copy. And eliminating costly paper by printing on your printer has the added benefit of enhanced quality.

Budgets, Forecasts and other Financial Requirements

A spreadsheet is multi-purpose tool. Use it to automate a budgeting process or to present financial results. Charts and tables not suited to a word processor may be prepared here. The high quality presentation features which are now part of most spreadsheet software can easily replace the more traditional presentation software.

Database Management

Everyone manages. Customer contacts, telephone numbers, mailing lists, product lists, inventories and sales prospects are all data to be managed. Efficient management of data eliminates both duplication and wasted effort. Client records can be immediately called to the computer screen or sent to a printer. And, once a piece of information (such as an address) is stored in the system, it can be used for a variety of other purposes (reports, mailing labels, form letters etc.). Contact management (for managing sales prospects and clients) is just one type of application for this product. Today it is possible to design, build and operate your own customized systems for managing data without writing or understanding a single line of computer code.

Voice Mail

Still in its infancy, this software will soon provide small businesses with all the features of a full function voice mail system at a small fraction of the cost.

Windows

Not necessarily the best product on the market, it is by far the most accepted. Running as your "main menu," one can access some of the simplest and most powerful software products available. The small business operator who handles all aspects of a business can't help but appreciate the ability to suspend one task and switch immediately to another. A single keystroke can call up a client mailing list or a product list.

Putting it Together

Efficient business management requires that a single piece of information (such as a client's address or phone number) be recorded just once. The ability to utilize this information within a letter or fax produces enormous benefits. The ability to develop personalized form letters, print address labels and transmit faxes in mass make the management of this information even more important.

Unfortunately, computer software is too complicated and specialized. No one software package addresses all business needs. And, existing software packages make the transfer of data from one piece of software to another quite difficult. Good planning and an imaginative approach, however, can produce an operation quite close to this ideal.

Information Retrieval Systems assists clients to cut costs and improve productivity through successful integration of technology, systems and human energy.

Micro Boutique

By JANIS RAISEN

TORONTO — Micro Boutique, an authorized Apple dealer which calls itself a "humanware" company, is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

Unlike most other computer software and hardware companies, Micro Boutique offers an added human element for its customers.

According to Peter Tureck, a Toronto corporate accounts representative, Montreal computer science teacher named Phrixo Tsakpinoglo started the business there 10 years ago. The Toronto branch is 3½-years-old.

"Tsakpinoglo recognized that customers were interested in solutions," said Tureck. "He hired experts from the industries in addressing computer customer needs and supporting them."

Micro Boutique, on Toronto Street, has a large Macintosh retail outlet. But after a customer buys a computer he is not left to figure out the complex machine alone.

"There is free hotline support as long as they don't require priority response," said Tureck.

The company also offers other services including software support from various specialists, on-site repairs and many more, Tureck said.

The company employs specialists such as engineers, accountants, and graphic artists to assist those in the field who frequently use the Macintosh for business. They also have an education department that caters to students and teachers. There are 50 employees in Toronto and 250 in Quebec.

The Toronto branch has seemed to avoid recessionary losses according to Tureck.

"Luckily our business has been resilient to the recession. We haven't had much of a downturn if any. We are a new company in Toronto so we are growing."

To make sure their customers are satisfied, Michael Palmer of customer training and development in Toronto, visits many clients at their homes or businesses to collect, as he calls it the "three c's: complaints, compliments, and comments."

After reporting the information to the company, he follows up to make sure the comments were properly distributed.

"It shows we care — we do," said Palmer. "It's the '90s. Customer service is important. It helps us improve and not expect the norm to be the best."

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Local architectural firm awarded Shanghai project

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO — A Canadian firm, Petroff Partnership Architects, has been awarded the contract to design a group of buildings for a prime multi-purpose complex in Shanghai, with construction to start January, 1994.

Chinese protocol was not a feature of the curriculum in the years when Henry Petroff attended Harbord Collegiate and the University of Toronto's school of architecture, but now that his company is doing business in China, he has become a quick study in the customs of the People's Republic and is also learning to speak Mandarin.

Petroff's past commissionas include synagogues (Adath Israel, Beth Am, Beth Emeth, Beth Torah), shopping centres, recreation buildings, apartments and other high profile projects. "In the 80s we enjoyed the patronage of practically every well known company across Ontario, The Bay, Sears, Simpsons, Brettons," he declares. "You name it, we did it."

As well, PPA's innovative signature towers rose on streetscapes and from open fields. "We introduced blue glass to Canada," Petroff affirms. "We first saw it in the United States. Now everyone is copying us."

But the Petroff touch is distinctive, clear soaring glass exteriors, bold chrome columns, striking recess accents. AT&T on Victoria Park, Warner Bros. at Yonge and Highway 401 and the company's own offices opposite Markham Town Centre, are notable examples.

When 1990 hit, everything stopped. Almost every project was cancelled or delayed. "We laid off 80 of our staff," Petroff notes.

Until then, PPA had been doing mainly commercial projects. It was time to find a new niche.

Irving Boigon, whose company focused on public works — community centres, schools, affordable housing, seniors' facilities (The Terrace, Wagman Centre), was contemplating retirement. PPA invited him to come on board as a colleague, bringing his staff and equipment. PPA continued as the commercial body with Boignon Petroff Sheppard Architects Inc. as associates. Henry's son Ian, is with PPA.

Commissions for public works looked promising, but in 1991 government funding dried up and construction was severely curtailed.

Where to run now?

Hong Kong-born David Kwok, a PPA partner, heard that the Chinese government was designing some 20 blocks in Pudong, a suburb of Shanghai, for redevelopment. Virtually nothing had been built there since the 1930s. The plan would encompass commercial, residential and cultural components. It would also combine eastern and western features. North American know-how was needed.

PPA drew up a comprehensive proposal which Kwok took to Shanghai where the approach to business was capitalistic within a communist framework. Developers, engineers, people in construction, were all employed by and answerable to the government.

It was the strategic moment for Canadians. The Americans were out of favor because of their boycott following events in Tienamin Square. The developers liked the Petroff presentation and offered a contract to the company for three of seven buildings slated for the first stage.

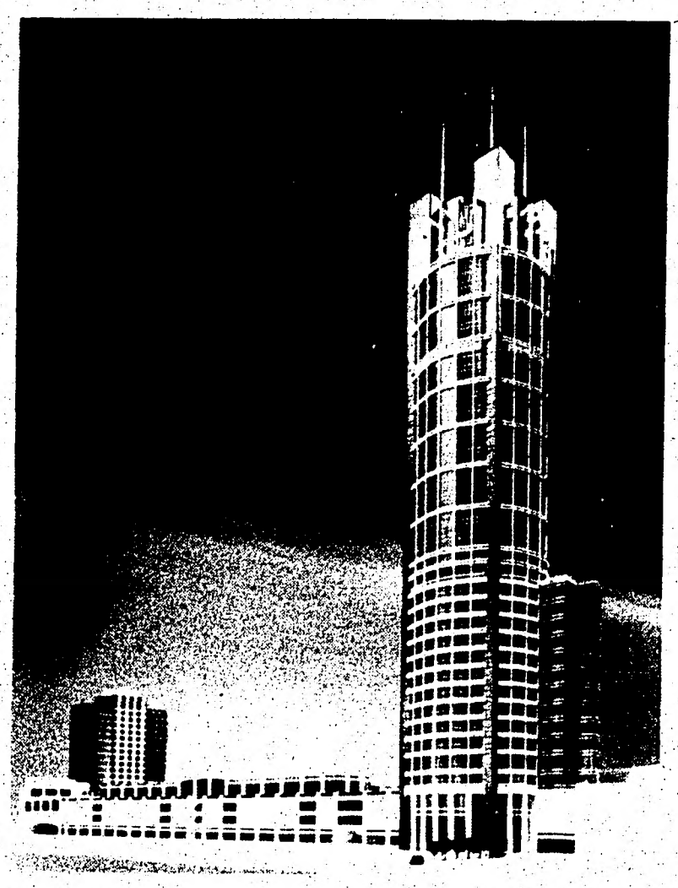
PPA has designed an 18-storey dual purpose hotel and youth cultural centre, a four-storey Chinese market and a 38-floor apartment/office tower. The company is also responsible for design development including curtain walls, elevators, heating, air conditioning.

A North American style shopping mall is among other buildings planned for phase one and if that goes ahead, "We will probably be retained," Petroff states.

A Canadian company doing business in China encounters some interesting language differences. At the contract signing in Shanghai, Petroff, speaking in his newly acquired Chinese, was puzzled when he introduced himself and everyone burst into laughter. In an effort to explain that he was PPA's chief executive officer, he had said, "I am the bigshot." On another occasion, after he had welcomed the Chinese delegation to his offices in Markham, he concluded, talking through an interpreter, "And now let's take off our jackets and get to work!" Immediately, every individual removed his/her suitcoat and began folding it neatly over a chair.

Certain beliefs which westerners might regard as superstition are taken seriously. It is important to have an auspicious starting date for construction; the number eight (as in 18 floors, 38 floors) is considered lucky; never have a direct passage from front to rear door or window, lest the spirit vanish. The list goes on. Advisers called fung soi are hired to check on these matters.

However, despite various special considerations, Petroff states that it's nice doing business with his Chinese clients, observing, "They have been isolated from the rest of the world for so long that they have no preconceived notions about other people and are open to everyone."



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Business rises for Caterers York

By JANIS RAISEN

Life is so hectic for Caterers York Limited, located at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue in Toronto, that one partner said most of the time he can't find his desk for the paperwork.

Bill Batista and Sharon Finestone are partners in the business that was founded by Firestone's father 38 years ago. Caterers York handles about 20 functions a month. Some of these are in homes and offices while others are in the banquet room that received a "total facelift" last year, according to Batista. The banquet room holds 500 people and is ideal for bar and bat mitzvah parties and weddings.

The recession affected the number of bar and bat mitzvah functions last year, but both Firestone and Batista said they are beginning to see an improvement. They know that most hotels now offer kosher catering and that competition is stiff, but they work hard to hold their own.

Six years ago they opened a bakery to complement their already full menus. They employ two bakers to prepare pastry and cakes. According to Firestone, "everything is made to order."

The company has made a name for itself over the years and Firestone feels that reputation has brought the success needed to overcome tough economic times.

"[It is] our reputation and quality of our food and personal service and attention that we offer," said Firestone.

Every few years, Batista and Firestone plan new menus with their chefs so they are up-to-date with various food trends. They also customize menus while at the same time looking for new recipes.

"Everyday there are new trends in food," said Firestone. "We're always trying out new recipes and new things. You always have to have your eyes and ears open and always be as creative as you possibly can."

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285 SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Sara Green on Sep 28/93, late of 668 Roselawn Avenue #415
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Abraham Miller on Oct 5/93, late of 7 Townsgate Drive #603
Arthur Perlmutar on Oct 5/93, late of 6200 Bathurst Street
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Applebaum, Jacob on October 7, 1993
Barlow, Louis on October 12, 1993, late of 80 Neptune Dr., #3
Bernstein, Lea on October 5, 1993, late of 6030 Bathurst St., #408
Braude, Joseph Harold on October 11, 1993
Cimerman, Esther on October 7, 1993, late of 6250 Bathurst St., #802
Doubinski, Mikhail on October 7, 1993, late of 24 Trafalgar Sq.
Fridman, Yudessa on October 7, 1993
Friedman, Emil on October 9, 1993
Gembicki, Willy on October 4, 1993, late of 175 Waterloo Avenue
Karmiol, Fern on October 9, 1993, late of 30 Wild Ginger Way
Marantz, Max on October 5, 1993
Rosen, Philip on October 7, 1993, late of 14 Lynnwood Avenue
Wosnick, Lilly on October 6, 1993

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335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Eva Fromovitz ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, October 24th
11:00 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Lodzer Section
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335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
HARRY ARMEL ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, October 24th
11:30 a.m.
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Beth Tikvah Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late
Louis Ortofsky ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, October 24th
12:30 p.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Warsaw-Lodzer Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
JAAKOV TOPOREK ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, October 24th
11:30 a.m.
Dawes Road Cemetery
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Relatives and friends are invited to attend

Caring for the elderly

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — Mother is becoming more and more forgetful. Father has a problem with his vision. Your aunt can no longer live alone. Where can you turn for help?

"Caring for the elderly is primarily borne by family members," says Toronto author Janis Rotman. "It is a tremendous responsibility that at times can be overwhelming."

Recognizing the problems of local families, the 29-year-old Rotman has produced a helpful and well-organized handbook, *Eldercaring: A Guide for Caregivers* ($9.95), through her publishing house, Natmor Corp.

Rotman plans to publish similar guidebooks for other cities.

"It is often difficult to decide when and what type of assistance is needed and how to provide it," says Rotman. She hopes *Eldercaring* will help.

Rotman, a graduate of Tuft's University in Boston with a business and arts degree, published her first guidebook in 1992. *Seniors Savings Plus* is a directory of products, services and organizations geared towards seniors.

While resarching *Eldercaring*, Rotman says she uncovered a lot of material on caring for children, but little on caring for the elderly. She believes that with a growing senior population and medical funding cutbacks, more families will be expected to care for the elderly.

Eldercaring contains chapters on physical health, mental well-being, daily living, convalescent care at home, medication and medical aids, home support services, residences and full-time care facilities; hiring a care manager, legal assistance and other useful information.

Easily accessible is information on topics like bone, joint and muscle problems, heartburn, hearing, eyesight, memory loss, Alzheimer's disease, falls, safety tips, meals, prescription symbols and a worksheet for selecting a home. The book also contains a comprehensive listing of services in Toronto and surrounding areas for transportation, homemaking, adult day care, caregiver relief and support, and others.

"Often, when people are in a panic over a loved one's sudden illness, they take the first option they run across," Rotman says. "It's such a tragedy and it's not always the best way. Hopefully, my book will help people to help themselves."

Eldercaring is available at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, Edwards Books and Art, Doncaster Home Health Care, Trillum Books and other bookstores and retail outlets.

Hadassah Bazaar returns

TORONTO — The Toronto Hadassah-WIZO Bazaar, North America's biggest one-day bargain extravaganza is celebrating its 69th year on Wednesday, October 27, 1993, 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Automotive Building, Exhibition Place. Paul Godfrey will cut the ribbon to open this year's Bazaar.

The Bazaar will again offer an endless variety of new, gently used, and retro clothing and accessories for the entire family, including fabulous furs, shoes and jewellery.

On-going exciting activities include:

— Auctions throughout the day featuring items such as event tickets, celebrity-signed memorabilia, restaurants and merchandise certificates; fashion auctions; Doo Doo the International Clown; a gourmet cake contest, and give-a-ways throughout the day.

General admission is $4.00; Seniors & Children 5-12 years; $2.00 at door. Pre-schoolers free. TTC & GO trains stop all day at Exhibition Place.

For more information contact Gwen Appleby or Lynda Roth, 789-4374.

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